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PAI ASKED TO TAKE OVER PREMIERSHIP Chiang Sends Emissaries On Persuasion Mission YEN WANTS TO QUIT

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has requested General Pai Chung-hsi to assume the Premiership of Nationalist China and also the post of Defence Minister, the "China Mail" learned from arrivals from Taiwan last night.

Burma To Recognise Peking

Calcutta, December 16.—Burma has decided to recognise Communist China, the Burmese Foreign Minister, U S Maung said here today.

The Minister said that an official announcement was expected from Rangoon tomorrow.—Reuter.

Report Of PI Alliance With KMT Denied

Manila, December 16.—A Malacanang Palace spokesman today flatly denied that the Philippines was entering into a military alliance with the Chinese Nationalists as indicated in a Taiwan despatch.

The spokesman acknowledged that the Chinese Ambassador, Chen Chih-ping, conferred with President Quirino recently but said they did not talk about a military alliance.

He pointed out that Philippine military forces were small and used primarily to preserve internal order. He emphasized that this government was not anxious to antagonize the Chinese Communists.

The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Felipe Neri, said that reports of a military alliance being planned between the Chinese Nationalist government and the Philippines are "fantastic."

Refuge For Gov't

An authoritative source said President Quirino's Council of State yesterday discussed the matter of giving the Nationalist government refuge if it was forced to flee Taiwan and decided that the Philippines should discourage the establishment of a refugee government in this country in order to avoid involving the Philippines in the China conflict.

Another government official said: "Our armed forces cannot even handle Moros on Jolo let alone fight the Chinese Reds."

Meanwhile a Chinese Nationalist transport plane which landed at Clark Air Base yesterday was still grounded there by the United States Air Force while American and Filipino diplomatic officials side how to handle the case.

The plane, on route from Hainan to Formosa with 30 persons aboard, landed at Clark Field without getting advance permission. The crew said the plane got lost.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a belt of high pressure extends from SE of Japan to the lower Yangtze. A trough of low pressure is moving SE across NE China and the Gulf of Pechili.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate NE winds. Cloudy, occasional drizzle. Some fair periods.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 64.0 deg. Fah. Minimum 50.0 deg. Fah. Sunlight 67 hours. Rainfall 0.0 mm. Total since Jan. 1—3005.8 mm. (22.5 in.) as against an average of 2125.8 mm. (83.7 in.).

Readings at 10 a.m.: Bar. 1010.0 mm. (29.8 in.). Humidity 75%. Wind Force 1. Wind Direction S by E. Calm. Tide—High 10.10. Low 18.00.

This was particularly true, in addition, of artillery and amphibious training. The general, who led the Chinese "First Army" in Burma in World War II, was confident that his troops would hurl any Communist invaders back into the sea.

The arrivals of former Government officials said that Ku Ching-ting and Liu Wen-to, the Generalissimo's two special emissaries have arrived at Hoihow to persuade General Pai to take up the two posts.

The present Premier and Defence Minister is Marshal Yen Hsi-shan who has repeatedly requested to be relieved of his duties on account of his ill-health.

Known formerly as China's best military strategist, General Pai was Commander-in-Chief of Central China when the Communists crossed the Yangtze in April last. He steadily withdrew his troops to Western Kwangsi where today some 20,000 are trapped near the Indo-China border. Some 20,000 remain to be evacuated from Lu-chow Peninsula to Hainan Island.

The bulk of his armies however, have already arrived on Hainan Island. Other units have been sent to the hills to wage guerrilla warfare.

Vernacular Press reports from Hoihow yesterday quoted military sources confirming General Pai's decision to save 20,000 of his men by agreeing to have them formed into a Vietnam Volunteer Army on Indo-Chinese territory. They will be used to prevent the Chinese Communists from joining up with the Vietnam Communists.

The reports said that the Volunteer Army will be under the command of a Kuomintang leader in Vietnam with whom General Pai has already completed arrangements.

Appointment Of K.C. Wu

Taiwan enters a new administrative era with the appointment of Mr. K. C. Wu, former Mayor of Shanghai, as the island's Governor, adds a Reuter despatch from Taipei.

It is an era which will see the introduction of measures intended not only to achieve a united anti-Communist front but also the improved welfare of the people including the implementation of social insurance for labour and further constructive land reform provisions.

Mr. Wu's appointment was a sudden one and the first reaction among competent observers and the island's intelligentsia is that the ex-Mayor's selection is a prelude to general streamlining of the Government organization.

Mr. Wu succeeds General Chen who will now devote his entire attention to directing the war as Nationalist China's South East Commander.

Invasion Attempt

Expected

The Communist amphibious assault from the mainland "may be made at any time" General Sun Li-jen, commanding Taiwan's ground defenses, said, according to a United Press report from Taipei.

General Sun said the Communists were massing and training men in amphibious landing operations with the assistance of Russian staff and field advisers. He said the Chinese Communists, captured on Kinmen Island, talked freely about Russian advisers not only at the staff level but in the field as well.

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The King Visits Bible Society



King George examines a Korean Bible during a visit to the London headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society. These Bibles are the thickest printed by the Society. They take more pages owing to the large size of Korean letters. The Society sends thousands of Bibles to its missions in all parts of the world.—A.P. Photo.

Sabotage Of CAT Planes At Kai Tak

Three persons were arrested by the police when more than 100 Chinese flying and ground personnel of the Civil Air Transport attempted to sabotage two CAT aircraft yesterday morning.

Two of them were alleged to have trespassed at Kai Tak airport and the third was alleged to have caused some damage to the CAT aircraft.

The police also detained two more persons for questioning. The arrests were result of an incident which occurred at the Kai Tak airport yesterday morning when the Chinese CAT personnel surrounded two CAT aircraft which were about to leave for Taiwan.

Major-General Claire L. Chennault, head of CAT, was in one of the planes. He later left for Taipei when the incident ended.

According to the vernacular "New Life Evening Post" yesterday, the Chinese personnel who were dismissed by CAT, made three demands to General Chennault prior to the latter's departure.

The demands were: If local Chinese employees were to be transferred to Taiwan, CAT should provide the staff with a security fee; In case the transferred employees are being discharged at Taiwan, CAT should provide them with return transportation to the Colony; CAT should furnish Chinese staff members who are being ordered to go to Taiwan with passports in order that their return to the Colony will not be hindered.

CAT Statement

Last night an official of CAT said that except the security fee demand, CAT has already indicated to its Chinese staff that CAT will provide facilities for their return to the Colony.

About the security fee demand, official said that he does not know anything.

When asked why sabotage in order to prevent CAT aircraft to leave for Taiwan was attempted by CAT Chinese personnel, the same official said that no CAT employee attempted to sabotage the machines but that a mechanic working at Kai Tak had damaged some control wires on the planes. He further said that he does not know why the incident had occurred.

Shortly the incident occurred, more than 100 police arrived at the scene and immediately the crowd dispersed.

Only minor damage was done to the aircraft which were later repaired by other mechanics.

A total of seven CAT aircraft left here for Taiwan yesterday leaving behind here four planes.

Also departing from the Colony was a Pacific Overseas Airways, Siam, Skymaster. Chartered by the Chinese Government through CAT, the Skymaster left for Chengtu.

Meanwhile United Press reported from Taipei that Major-General Claire Chennault, president of Civil Air Transport Line, and his Executive Vice-President, Mr. Whiting Willauer, arrived in Taiwan with 10 of the company's planes yesterday.

General Chennault told newsmen that six other planes had been sabotaged at Hong Kong, but probably would be repaired in time to fly to Taiwan today.

SOEKARNO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF USI

Batavia, December 16.—Dr. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, was today elected first President of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.—Reuter.

Responsibilities Of Troops In Hong Kong Mentioned In The King's Address

London, December 16.

His Majesty, King George VI, in his speech today giving Royal assent to reduction in the historic veto power of the House of Lords from two years to one, noted that British troops "continue to bear throughout the world heavy responsibilities in maintaining order and preserving peace."

He specified Hong Kong and Malaya as strong points being held by British troops.

The Royal assent—a formality—completed one of the major objectives of the Labour government. The King's speech was read for him in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

The action ended a long and bitter fight between the Labour government, which controls the House of Commons, and the Conservative Party, which controls the House of Lords.

The Commons are an elected body. The Lords are an appointed and hereditary body. Until now the House of Lords was able to delay for two years legislation approved by the House of Commons. Henceforth it will be one year.

This so-called Parliamentary Bill was originally introduced by the Labourites so they could enact the Iron and Steel Nationalisation Bill before the 1950 general elections. But a compromise between the House of Commons and the House of Lords on the implementation date of iron and steel nationalisation made a Parliament bill unnecessary in that case.

The Iron and Steel Bill was finally enacted under a compromise with the Lords. But it will be a major election issue because the government will not actually take over the plants until after the elections.

This session of Parliament ends today. It will probably be called back on January 24 for the final session before the election.

The King did not attend today's session. His speech announcing his assent to the bills approved by Parliament was read in the House of Commons by Speaker Clifton Brown and to the House of Lords by Lord Chancellor Jowitt.

The India Bill

The King also gave his assent to the India Bill which preserves rights as a member of the Commonwealth and as British subjects for India and her citizens although the nation is a republic.

His Majesty noted that the lengthy Parliamentary session had been "marked by continuance of the economic difficulties with which we had confronted since the end of the war. Fortunately, however, the work for all and through the sustained efforts of my people a notable increase in production has been achieved."

"I pray that under the guidance of Almighty God we shall overcome the difficulties that still beset us and reach the goal of a stable and prosperous economy."

He said the dollar gap was "being progressively reduced as the drive to increase direct and indirect dollar earnings gathered momentum" and added: "Thanks to generous assistance from the governments and peoples of the United States and Canada together with the continued effort of my people there was every reason to believe that the gap would be closed."

Atlantic Pact

His Majesty described the signature of the Atlantic Pact as "an outstanding event" and declared "I am convinced that this treaty will be a powerful aid to the preservation of peace and defence of freedom." He noted that Britain and the others of the five-power Brussels Treaty "have strengthened and developed the various organizations set up by the Atlantic Pact."

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Telephone Co. Workers' Strike Threat

The workmen of the Hong Kong Telephone Company Limited at a general meeting held in the Chinese Workers' Union headquarters late last night decided to deliver another letter to the company on Monday next, December 19, with a strongly worded demand for increase in high cost of living allowance.

A resolution was passed to the effect that should this go unheeded, the workmen will deliver a strike ultimatum to the Telephone Company.

Power Strike Threatens To Spread

London, December 16.

The four-day-old wildcat strike of a few London power workers threatened to spread into an official walk-out of all workers in electricity generating plants in London, Leeds and Liverpool today because the British Labour government refused to meet the strikers' conditions for returning to work.

London was little affected by the strike of 1,200 men at three small power plants this morning but the city and large areas of industrial North-Eastern England were faced with "serious power cuts and possible black-out" unless the Government backed down by early afternoon.

The Communist-led Electrical Trade Union warned that it may finally sanction a walkout if the government still refused to promise a "no victimisation" of returning strikers. Over 1,600 employees of the huge Barking Power Plant, biggest in Europe, said they would walk out again at 1 p.m. GMT (9 p.m. HK time) today unless the government promised no discrimination against the returning workers.

Electrical workers in Leeds and Liverpool sent messages to their London fellows that they would strike in sympathy if power plant workers here staged an official strike.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today promised to consider recalling Parliament from recess if the strike "deteriorates," adds Associated Press.

The deputy Conservative leader Mr. Anthony Eden, asked and received the assurance in Commons this morning. Soon afterwards, Parliament began a Christmas holiday due to last until January 24.—United Press And Associated Press.

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Correspondence

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"New Chinese Rockets"

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Warrant For Murder Suspect

A warrant for the arrest of Wong Shun-nan for the alleged murder of Chan Kin, Yau-mat, was issued by Mr. James Wickes at Kowloon yesterday when he returned a verdict of murder at an inquest into the death on October 23 of Chan Kin.

Chan Kin, aged 32, of 48 Temple Street, was alleged to have been stabbed by Wong on October 11. He was treated at the Kowloon Hospital where he recovered sufficiently to be released on October 22. After his release from the hospital, he was found in his left shoulder reopened and he died the next day.

Dr. Fung Ting-cheung, Police Surgeon, giving evidence said that death was caused by secondary haemorrhage. Dr. J. A. Griffiths of the Kowloon Hospital also gave evidence.

Wong Tak-kwong, a stall clerk at the Yau-mat Market, said that he saw Wong Shun-nan, also a stall worker, stab Chan Kin several times in the back and left arm with a knife to summon the police.

Inspector D. L. Davis conducted the inquest for the police.

August Ward Arrives In Korea

Aboard the ss. Lakeland Victory at Fusan, Korea, December 16, this evacuation ship docked at Fusan today on route to Yokohama with Mr. Angus Ward and members of his party who were deported from Red China.

The former Consul-General at Mukden was greeted by several State Department officials, who came out in a launch before the ship docked. Mr. Ward thought he would not sail until tomorrow for Yokohama, where it is due on Monday.

Earlier, Mr. Ward said as the ship neared the harbour he had no desire to return "immediately" to China.

Mr. Ward declined to comment on any action the United States might take toward the Communist regime.

He likewise was silent on the possible effects of the seeming imminent British recognition of the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Ward said, however, the China now seeking a place in international relations in "a new China."

In Mr. Ward's opinion, the fall of Mukden decided the fate of the Nationalists in China. "Once the Reds cracked what he calls the 'arch defence' of the city, the way was open for the Southwest push, which has carried the Reds across China."

Mr. Ward already shows the effects of rest and good food aboard the Lakeland Victory. Associated Press.

Promotion For APL Man

Mr. Fay F. Booth, for many years in the Passenger and Freight Departments at Hong Kong and a veteran of 20 years' service with American President Lines, was recently appointed Manager of American President Lines' Freight Department at San Francisco.

Mr. Booth, born at Bronson, Kansas, joined American President Lines as a cadet in February, 1929, at the age of 21. He served as a cadet, then as a third officer, and has achieved a wealth of valuable experience on numerous foreign and domestic assignments.

Before his return to America to assume his new duties in the home office, Mr. Booth was Assistant Manager and Assistant Freight Agent at Hong Kong.

He was among the first of the American President Lines' personnel to return to the Orient after the war, and was promoted to the position of Assistant Manager.

Stamp Collecting

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Thursday's series of raids on certain firms have smashed a large-scale conspiracy to defraud the Government in the collection of taxes, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

One auditor's firm whose documents were impounded and who professed they were not involved in the conspiracy estimated that it would take experts at least six months to go through the mass of books, accounting documents and correspondence seized by the police.

Unconfirmed reports last night said that some additional auditor firms were visited by the police yesterday. Account books of a number of business concerns were also taken away, added the report.

Police and Inland Revenue Department refused to answer questions by the Press regarding the series of raids and the questioning of a number of Inland Revenue Department employees.

There were persistent reports that a number of persons have been detained. The police, however, would not comment. Neither would they answer any of the questions sent through the Public Relations Officer by the "China Mail."

The only comment came from the PRO whose terse statement read:

"The CID is making investigations into certain aspects of the collection of taxes in the Colony. It would be unethical at this stage of the proceedings to make any further statements."

Among the unanswered questions submitted by the "China Mail" were:

How many auditor firms were involved in the raids?

Were any European auditor firms involved?

The nature of the allegations on which the warrants were issued for impounding the documents?

How many Government Departments were involved?

How is it proposed to assist the auditors concerned to overcome the inconvenience of having their documents impounded for an long period?

Most of the auditor firms involved in the raids refused to comment on the police action. One firm's representative said he was surprised but co-operated with the police.

"They can have my books and documents any time they want them," he said. One other commented that he has been greatly inconvenienced in having his books impounded.

A third auditor said that the police carried away only his firm's correspondence with the Inland Revenue Department. His clients' books were not impounded.

He added that practically all the Chinese auditor firms were visited by the Police. None of the European firms were involved. The allegations, he added, are said to include a conspiracy to defraud the Inland Revenue Department of the collection of taxes, false statements of accounts and false returns.

From other sources it was learned that the conspiracy has been going on for a long time. Evidence was collected over a period of months by Anti-Corruption Branch agents.

They were planted in the office of the Inland Revenue Department with the approval of the Commissioner.



The Royal Observatory's meteorological balloon is pictured just before it was released yesterday morning. The balloon is six feet in diameter and travels at the rate of 1,000 feet per minute. Mr. N. Lawrence, Scientific Officer, Royal Observatory, is seen with two assistants. ("China Mail" Photo).

Weatherman's Balloon Costs \$160 A Day

Shortly before 9 a.m. every day, a huge hydrogen-filled balloon is let off from the Royal Observatory in Kowloon.

And if the nearby neighbours could spare two minutes between their morning coffee and catching the ferry, they would see the balloon ascend, dragging what would seem to them to be a tiny tin can reflecting in the sun.

This "tin can" cost more than \$110 and the Royal Observatory spends this amount on the object each day. It is the Hong Kong weatherman's new way of taking daily meteorological readings.

For the highly scientific and accurate work it does, the met apparatus is comparatively light and simple. It weighs no more than 1250 grammes and contains three little lead canisters holding three elements to measure humidity, temperature and pressure of the atmosphere. The apparatus has a small battery in its centre which is worked by a windmill switch, setting the three elements into operation.

The apparatus is strung to a balloon—six feet in diameter when inflated—which ascends into the sky. As soon as the apparatus is airborne, the windmill switch sets the instrument to work. Readings are sent back to earth and taken on a receiver—a radio set—by a meteorological assistant.

Mr. N. Lawrence, Scientific Officer of the Royal Observatory, who demonstrated the working of the instrument, stated that this manner of measuring the atmosphere has many more advantages than the old system of met flights.

"The best of this instrument," Mr. Lawrence said, "is that it is more accurate than met flights can be and the instrument can be sent up in all weathers."

Automatic Readings

The total cost of operating the instrument each time is similar to the cost involved in met flights, Mr. Lawrence added.

As the balloon ascends, readings of the atmosphere at different levels are automatically relayed back to the receiver in the Royal Observatory.

The balloon climbs at the rate of 1,000 feet per minute. Mr. Lawrence told the "China Mail" and reaches a peak height of some 70,000 feet before it bursts.

A wrist watch, a finger ring and some cash valued at more than \$200 was taken from the occupants of 400 Lockhart Road, third floor, Wanchai, by four men who entered the house about 4 p.m. yesterday. One of the men carried a revolver.

WANCHAI ARMED ROBBERY

Personalia

Mr. C. R. Holmes will read "The Christmas Carol," a dramatic monologue, compiled by Charles Dickens, at the Hong Kong Rotary Club's weekly luncheon on Tuesday. The Club will meet at 12.30 p.m. at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel.

Miss A. Von Schwelov, Miss B. L. Brown, Miss D. Godinho, A. Akong, S. D. Christy and C. H. Wu, were among those who left the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zindel, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. L. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Comer, Mrs. C. Taylor, Messrs. H. R. Hoch, A. C. Mock, B. J. Martin, A. P. Raynor, W. D. Hoag, Walter Kelly, R. Morley, E. L. Becker, A. Fredberg, F. W. O'Brien, R. A. Ellery, H. W. Britton and Yu-shan.

Departures for the United Kingdom, yesterday by BOAC included Mrs. D. V. Williams, Miss A. D. Varley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. N. M. Nel, Captain C. W. Ellis, Messrs. T. B. McAulay, G. Greig, and D. Walsh and Colonel E. F. Benjamin.

Dr. Visser't Hooft, Messrs. E. Muller and S. Finkel left for Hongkong yesterday by BOAC.

Nationalists Commandeer HK Vessel

Nationalist officials have commandeered and pressed a Hong Kong-licensed motor vessel into service between small islands off Taiwan, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The vessel, Tak On, was formerly reported to have sunk en route to Swatow from Hong Kong on November 15, with the loss of 27 lives.

However, one of the Tak On officers has communicated with his wife in Hong Kong and informed her that he and all the members of the Tak On's crew are alive and safe.

Agents for the Tak On, the Hui On Fisheries Company, said yesterday that they had unconfirmed reports that their vessel had been seized by Nationalist officials, and that Nationalist officers are in command of the vessel.

If the reports are confirmed, the Tak On will be the second Hong Kong-licensed vessel to have been commandeered by Nationalist authorities during the past month.

On November 16, Nationalist officials boarded the Tai Pang in Deep Bay, but released the vessel on November 19.

The Tai Pang is a ferry boat which runs between Hong Kong and Shi Hui, in Deep Bay.

When the Tak On left Hong Kong for Swatow on November 12, she was carrying 13 passengers for Swatow, and 12 members of the crew.

A Marine Department official said yesterday that they were investigating the reported seizure, but had not yet been able to confirm the report.

Chinese Woman Charged With Inciting Assault

June Young, aged 25, alias Yeung Pui-san of 6, Morton Terrace, was charged at Central yesterday before Mr. A. D. Scholes with inciting two unemployed men to assault Lo Bun.

Defendant was also charged, together with Ling Chui and Wong Cheung, with conspiracy to assault Lo between November 21 and December 9.

Inspector J. Forrest appeared for the prosecution and Mr. A. J. Clifford is for Miss Young.

Mr. Scholes fixed Thursday June 29 at 11.30 a.m. for hearing of the case.

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Letters To Army Personnel

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REFORM CLUB PLATFORM APPROVED BY MEMBERS



Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society concert at Diocesan Boys' School, 8:15 p.m.
 Chinese Products Seventh Annual Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel.
 Y.S. A. N. S. Club Christmas Party, for children of Cantonese B. C. Club at Sun Kwong School, 7:30 p.m.
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following Godown Warrants of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., were lost, and are therefore declared null and void.

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Tenders are invited for the occupation and use of the whole or part of the following piers on a year to year basis:—

1) V.P.P. No. 11—Opp. Cleverly St., Connaught Rd. Central. A timber structure approximately 154'-9" long by 25'-6" wide.

The approximate average depth of water is on the West Berth 10.60 ft. and on the East Berth 11.81 ft.

2) V.P.P. No. 18—Opp. Hillier St., Connaught Rd. Central. A timber structure approximately 198'-0" long by 30'-0" wide.

The approximate average depth of water is 17.27 ft. on the West Berth and 15.22 ft. on the East Berth.

3) V.P.P. No. 19—Opp. M.L. 3, 15/17, Connaught Rd. West. A timber structure approximately 201'-9" long by 20'-0" wide.

The approximate average depth of water is 19.27 ft. on the West Berth and 17.81 ft. on the East Berth.

Tenders will only be considered from bona fide ship-owners, godown keepers or responsible merchants whose business is connected with shipping and who require the use of pier facilities.

Tenders must reply fully to the questionnaire attached to the Form of Tender otherwise their tender will not be considered by the Tender Board.

Tenderers must attach to each tender a receipt showing that they have deposited with the Accountant General, at the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, the sum of \$1,000 as a pledge of the bona fides of their tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted, but otherwise refunded.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Port Works Office, P.W.D., Lower Albert Road.

Tenders in triplicate clearly marked "Tender for Piers" must be lodged with the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road under sealed cover not later than noon on Wednesday, December 21, 1949.

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December 16, 1949.

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HK Delegation To ILO Conference

Hong Kong is sending a tri-partite delegation to the second Asian Regional Conference of the International Labour Organisation in Ceylon next month.

Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Commissioner of Labour, said at a Press conference yesterday that the delegation will comprise representatives of Government, employers and labour, each of whom will speak for itself.

Mr. Hawkins explained that he had a meeting with 111 trade unions in the Colony on the matter. Each union had more than 250 members registered in it.

The ILO, the speaker stated, was formed in 1919 and resulted from the League of Nations. The ILO itself has conducted approximately 12 conferences.

As the Asian Regional Conference, the present one to be held in Ceylon will be the second. The first was held at Calcutta in 1947. At that meeting, Hong Kong did not send a delegation although it sent an officer as an observer.

It was later decided however, that the Colony should send a full delegation to the next conference.

Expenses Paid

Disclosing that the delegation was to be on a tripartite basis, Mr. Hawkins said that though the men would all go together as a delegation, each party representing Government, employers, and labour, would be on its own at the conference.

The Commissioner of Labour stated that he had already asked the 111 trade unions to nominate the labour delegates themselves. The actual appointment of the delegates would be made by Government.

The conference in Ceylon takes place on January 16 next year, and will last to January 23.

He had asked the labour leaders to make the necessary nominations by Tuesday next, Mr. Hawkins added. The expenses for the trip will be paid by Government. Each delegation will be provided with a free return air passage and will have their hotel bills in Ceylon paid. In addition, each man will be given \$8 a day as allowance.

The Agenda

Replying to a question, Mr. Hawkins revealed that most probably Major Chinn, Labour Officer, will head the party representing Government, though he was not sure of this as yet.

Asked about the agenda at the Asia Regional Conference, Mr. Hawkins said that as far as he could ascertain off-hand, the agenda contained a discussion of the report of the Director-General of the ILO, an item regarding the inspection of factories in Eastern countries, welfare measures for workers, an item in connection with co-operative movements of the ILO, and matters on agricultural labour.

The Commissioner added that two appointed advisors might accompany the delegation, but these would have to pay their own passage.

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S 7 5 4 2
H K 10
D K 7 4 2
C 10 7 3

S Q 6
H 8 5 4 2
D 10 8 3
C K 9 8 5

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 S
Pass 2 S Pass 4 S

Good fortune was with South in two respects during that auction—first that North would raise with such a weak hand and second that South himself was willing to jump all the way to game after the one raise. If he had merely gone to 3-Spades, that would have been passed.

When West led the diamond 10, South placed all three missing honours with East. If the latter

had only the honours, he would have to win the trick and wouldn't dare lead the suit back with the K in dummy. So South played low and East had to win with the J. Trying to put West back for another diamond lead, East used the club 2. But South came in with the A, then went all out to prevent West from getting the lead soon.

Eschewing the risk of the trump finesse, he laid down the spade A and K hoping to tell the Q, and did. The J cleared the suit, then four hearts brought a discard of dummy's last two clubs. South then ruffed his own last one. Now he didn't care if he lost two more diamonds to East, as they made only the third trick for the defence and the spade 8 remained to ruff the final trick to make game.

Tomorrow's Problem

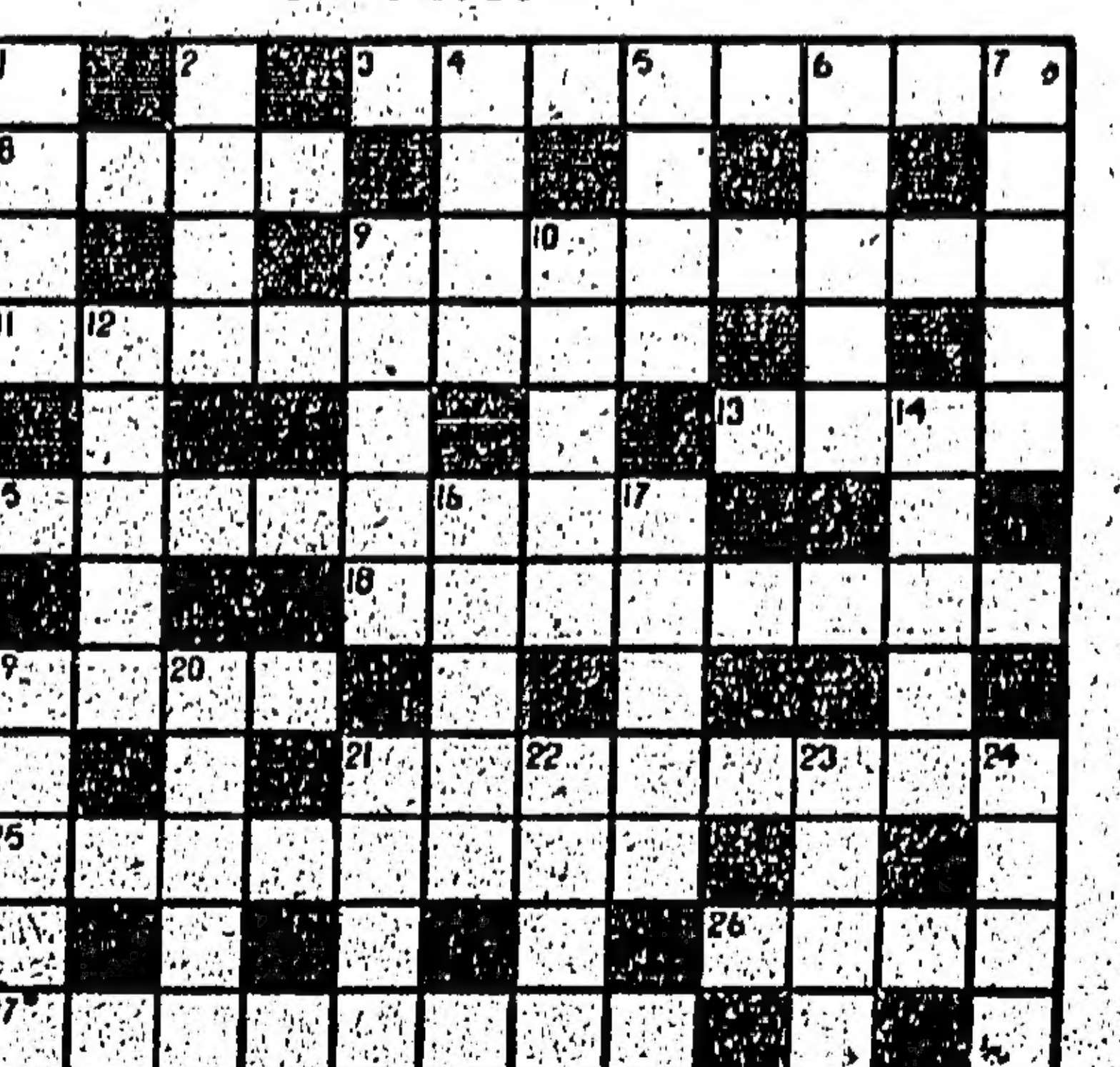
S 10 8 7 6 5 2
H 10
D J
C J 10 8 2

S Q 4 3
H 9 4
D K 8 7 6
C 5 3 2

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

If South bids 2-Hearts, West 3-Diamonds and the next two pass, what should be South's second bid?

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Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Cherub. 4 Paros. 7 Elegance. 8 Route. 9 Muddle. 11 Radiate. 13 Dismiss. 15 Intent. 16 Basis. 19 Animator. 20 Eerie. 21 Entrance.

DOWN—1 Cream. 2 Rigid. 3 Banter. 4 Peccod. 6 Regulate. 8 Sphere. 10 Disaster. 12 Asinine. 13 Debate. 14 Inane. 16 Trail. 17 Tasto.

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ECA COUNTERPART FUNDS TO BE USED FOR GERMANY

Bonn, December 15.

Under the Marshall Aid bilateral pact signed between Western Germany and America here today, five per cent of ECA counterpart funds will be made available to the U.S. Government for administrative expenses in Germany, including the stockpiling of critical materials. The balance of the account will be used to promote the economic recovery and financial stability of Germany and for projects to be agreed upon between the two countries. Under the agreement aid will be made available to Western Berlin by the West German Government.

West Germany will at intervals furnish complete reports of operations proposed or adopted, full statements of operations under the agreement, and information which the United States may need to determine the effects of American aid and evaluate progress towards economic recovery both in Germany and in other Marshall Plan countries.

servants and did not want to pre-judge their chances of more pay by an all-paralyzing strike.

In Rome about 6,000 strikers met at the Coliseum to hear speakers call on the Government to grant these more than justified claims by admittedly underpaid workers.

The strike was called after a break-down of wage talks between the Government and the unions.—Reuter.

Italian Strike A Failure

Rome, December 15.
It is officially estimated that only a third of 1,000,000 State workers today answered the call of the Italian non-Communist and Communist unions for a 24-hour strike but the response varied greatly from one service to another.

At the office of statistics, 93 per cent of the staff were absent. At the Ministry of Justice only one per cent did not report for duty.

The strike call was made while the Senate was debating a Government plan to meet the demands of the unions for higher wages.

The Senate had been expected to vote on the plan last night but postponed a decision to give more speakers a chance.

The Treasury and Finance Ministry opposed the plan.

Postal services stopped completely and almost all social services were affected. Public transport ran normally.

Government circles think that the poor response to the strike call means that the workers had noticed a certain Senate sympathy to the demand of civil

UN Decision Due To Vatican, Say Left-Wing Papers

London, December 15.

Left-wing British weekly reviews today attributed the United Nations decision to place Jerusalem under international control to the influence of the Vatican.

The weekly "New Statesman" said that the only sufficient explanation of Latin American, Australian, French, and Belgian support for international control was the Vatican view that no true Catholic could permit that sovereignty in Jerusalem should be shared by Jews.

The Soviet Union had supported it to create the maximum trouble because it was now clear that Israel Socialism was staunchly anti-Communist.

The "New Statesman" added: "The task of clearing up the mess may be left to the traditional method of power politics."

It was confident that a peace treaty and possibly even a treaty of alliance could be negotiated between the Israeli and Jordan on the basis of existing frontiers with minor modifications in Jerusalem itself.

But Britain and American lacked a policy and the situation stag-

nated with only Russian policy standing to gain.

The Left-wing "Tribune" commented similarly and suggested that Britain should press strongly for a compromise that only the old walled city of Jerusalem should be turned into an international enclave.

The Arab inhabitants would be moved from dirty and overcrowded slums to a new modern suburb built with international financial aid, the "Tribune" said.

The Conservative weekly "Spectator" wrote that it was difficult to believe that the United Nations could allow the challenge of the Israeli Government to moving to Jerusalem to go unchallenged.

The Trusteeship Council would pay attention to local wishes as well as to world opinion but threats it cannot be expected to consider.

The "Spectator" added, "It will be a tragic mistake if Zionists behave as though they alone enjoyed a monopoly of religious feeling and equally tragic if they are allowed to defy the United Nations with impunity."—Reuter.

Asmara Calm After Terrorism

Asmara, December 15.

Asmara was calm today after the renewed wave of terrorism which on Monday struck the centre of the town for the first time.

The arrest of the leaders of the Eritrean Unionist Party—which wants union with Ethiopia—was succeeded by an atmosphere of reassurance among Italian residents.

The return from Lake Success of a delegation of the Nationalist Independence Bloc was marked by Monday's outbreak of violence. Bombs were thrown at three prominent independents, but failed to explode.

A grenade also fell outside the British Information Office in the Via Lorenzini, but was probably not intended for it, according to observers here. They presume the intention of the terrorists was to attack Italian shops and banks in the district.

The authorities imposed a curfew and suspended all independent Party newspapers. After an investigation of the incidents by the police, six Unionist leaders were arrested with four other Eritreans. Their names have not been announced.

Political terrorism was manifested again when the farm of an Italian, Ferdiand Silvio, 35 miles from here, was attacked yesterday by armed Shifra-Ethiopian terrorists. Beating off their attack, he shot three of them dead before the others withdrew.—Reuter.

Resistance In Hungary Seen

Vienna, December 15.

According to a pamphlet circulated by Hungarian refugees in Austria, a "National Council of Hungarian Free Trade Unions" has been formed secretly somewhere in Hungary with the task of organising the struggle of the Hungarian working classes against the dictatorship of Moscow.

The Council has issued a proclamation to the peoples of the free world describing the terrorist methods by which the Communists seek to make the inhabitants into slaves of a State capitalist system.

The appeal described Hungary as a country whose frontiers resemble prison walls.—Reuter.

Other Provisions

Other provisions of the agreement, similar to those between ECA and other Marshall Plan countries, include the following:

(1) Establishment of an ECA Mission in West Germany.

(2) Improvement of tourist trade.

(3) Information to the public on ECA aid.

Mr. John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner, who signed the pact on behalf of the United States, in a letter to the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer concerning the agreement, assured the West German Government that it was not expected that the German Government would have to take over obligations exceeding a sum of 700,000,000 Deutsche marks. If it did, he said, he would assist the Government in finding a solution to the arising situation.

Mr. McCloy further said that the U.S. Government would consider German ability to pay and other relevant factors when settlement of the claims covered by the agreement is requested.

He also assured the West German Government that the United States intended to treat the German Republic similarly to all other ECA countries in regard to different repatriation rates prior to and since devaluation.

The agreement remains in force until June 30, 1953.—Reuter.

FRENCH DENIAL

Paris, December 15.

A French Foreign Office spokesman today discredited reports from Hong Kong that two Chinese Nationalist armies were about to join the Vietnamese Army as volunteers.

"The report is totally unlikely," the spokesman said. "We know that there are already 10,000 such troops in Vietnam and that more are crossing the border daily. But there is absolutely no question of incorporating them as volunteers in the French and Vietnamese forces."—Reuter.

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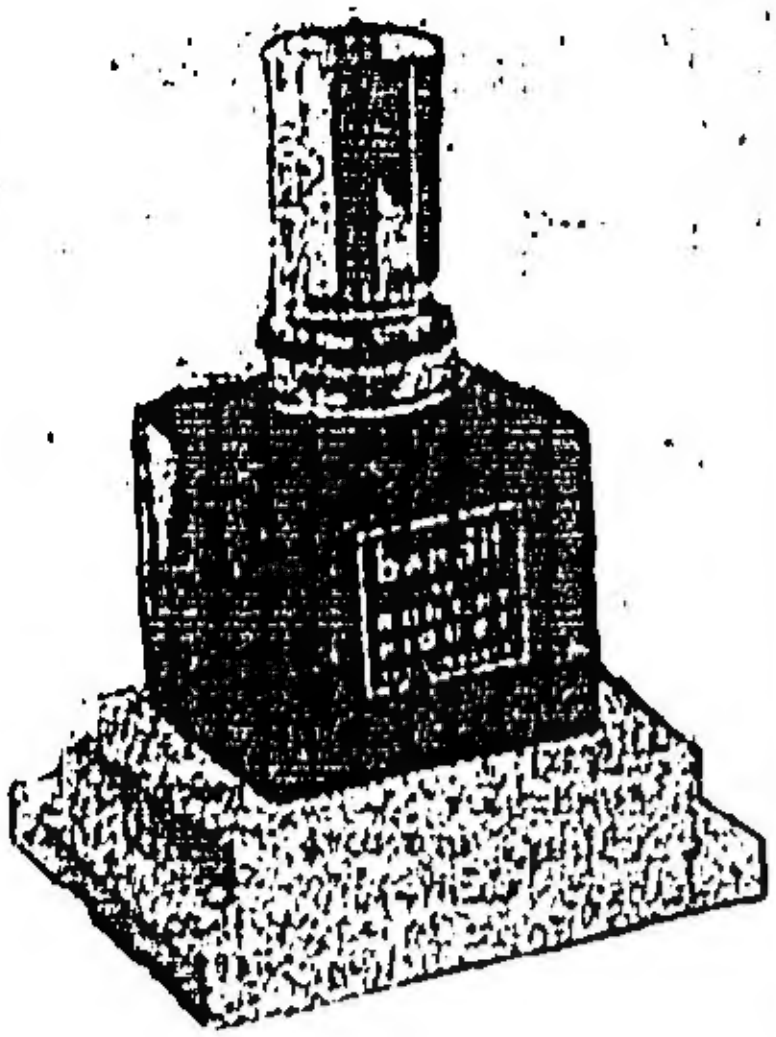
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RUSSIA BLAMED FOR AUSTRIAN TREATY FAILURE

Washington, December 15. The State Department today officially blamed the Soviet Union for the failure of the four-power negotiations in New York for an Austrian treaty.

The Department said: "The Soviet deputy had for some time prevented further progress on the grounds that bilateral Austro-Soviet agreement must first be reached in Vienna regarding the Soviet claims for supplies and services furnished largely in the early days of the occupation."

French Have Difficulty With Taxes

Paris, December 15.

The French Government has got into serious difficulties with its Parliamentary majority over the new taxes proposed in the 1950 Budget.

Leaders tonight were talking once again of a possible Government crisis, though most observers expected the Government would be able to find a compromise to shepherd it safely through the rest of this year.

The Government proposed 180 milliards of increases in new taxes next year.

The Prime Minister's Party, the Popular Republicans, are insisting on these taxes being voted, and Socialists are generally supporting them, but the other two parties represented in the Government, the Radicals and Independent Conservatives have come out in determined opposition to new taxation in any shape or form.

They demand that the Budget be balanced by cuts in civil and military expenditure.

French May Form Fezzan Govt

Paris, December 15.

The Foreign Affairs Commission tonight invited the French Government to set up a Government in the Fezzan—the Southern part of Libya taken from the Italians by French troops during the war and now under French Administration.

The motion recalled that Britain had set up a Government in Cyrenaica and referred to an article in "The Times" of November 23, which is described as inspired, saying that the British Administration in Tripoli had considered itself free to set up an autonomous government there to manage local affairs.

Passed after the Commission had heard a statement by M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, the motion declared: "The Fezzan Affairs Commission affirms once more that the unity of Libya is an artificial and sterile creation. Libya would have neither the capital nor the technicians to develop its territory, the motion continued.—Reuter.

AMTORG MOVING

New York, December 15.

The Russian Amtorg Trading Corporation plans to vacate the nine-story building it occupies here for smaller quarters, apparently because of the sharp drop in trade between the United States and the Soviet Union.

U.S. exports to Russia totalled \$6,299,000 for the first nine months of this year and are expected to reach about \$9,000,000 for the year. Before the "cold war," exports averaged about \$100,000,000 annually.—Associated Press.

Food Deliveries

The Soviet delegate has prevented further progress on the ground that a bilateral Austro-Soviet agreement must first be reached in Vienna, but the State Department had no means of knowing whether the Soviet Government, in its claims for the payment of food deliveries to Austria, was using them as a pretext to prevent the early signing of an Austrian treaty.

The State Department said it hoped that, when the Foreign Ministers' deputies reconvene in London on January 9, "the Soviet deputy will have received new instructions which will permit the conclusion of a treaty, the withdrawal of occupation troops and the restoration of full Austrian sovereignty."

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POW Dependents Demonstrate

Tokyo, December 16. Women and children dependents of Japanese war prisoners still unreturned from Siberia laid siege to the Soviet Embassy here for several hours late yesterday.

They demanded continuation of repatriation during the winter, the names of those who died in prison camps and the names of those held as suspected war criminals.

When the group requested an interview with Lieutenant General K. N. Derevyanko, head of the Russian diplomatic mission, the Embassy gates were closed to them on the ground an anti-Soviet demonstration was being staged. Later, however, spokesmen for the group were received by a lesser official, M. Kochelinskoy.

Their questions were not answered and the interview ended when Soviet soldiers pushed them outside. The Japanese told newsmen later. One said: "We were pushed out of the room by soldiers, including officers of the Embassy, on the grounds that continuation of our negotiations would be considered an act of arrogance by the Japanese people."

Demands Conveyed. The group then remained outside the gates as a demonstration of their dissatisfaction until just before 5 p.m. when an Embassy spokesman appeared and said: "Your demands have been conveyed to General Derevyanko. We will study your problems and give you an answer in about a week's time. Please leave now."

When women shouted prayers for the early return of their missing men, he replied: "Rest assured we have already requested the home government for early repatriation of your people."

Early this year the Soviet Union had announced 85,000 Japanese would be repatriated by the year's end and that it would complete the return of Japanese held in Siberia. SCAP's figure show about 318,000 Japanese unaccounted for. The Allied Council for Japan will take up the matter on December 21.—Associated Press.

Art Shop In The Open Air



K. Berger of Kist, Germany, rents a street corner in Hamburg once a month to display his painted. Since cloth is expensive, Berger paints on plates of pressed wood pulp. He pays the Hamburg city authorities two Deutsche marks a day for the street corner where he sells his works. If sales are poor, Berger goes to work for a while as a carpenter. Here, he stands amongst his paintings waiting for purchasers. (Associated Press Photo).

JESSUP LEAVING U.S. ON FACT-FINDING JOURNEY

Washington, December 15. Ambassador at Large, Philip Jessup, leaves Washington on Thursday night en route to the Far East for a two-month survey during which he will attempt to find out what the United States can do to block further spread of Communism in Asia.

Mr. Jessup will sail for Japan from San Francisco on December 20 aboard the ss President Cleveland.

Before leaving Washington, Mr. Jessup informed Congressional foreign affairs experts that his main purpose was to see how the American government can help to prevent the spread of Communism into South East Asia and Eastward into the Pacific rather than ascertain what could be done about reclaiming China.

Mr. Jessup expects to spend about one week in Japan, then continue to Southern Korea, Taiwan—if it is still in Nationalist hands—the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indo-China, and Siam.

He has no intention of visiting Communist China unless an unexpected opportunity develops. In Siam, Mr. Jessup will meet with American diplomatic representatives in the Far East who are gathering at Bangkok on February 19 for discussions of the Asian situation.

Facts For Acheson. Following the Bangkok meeting, Mr. Jessup intends to visit Burma, India, Pakistan, and Ceylon to dig out pertinent facts for Mr. Acheson.

Mr. Jessup met late on Wednesday with Chairman John Kee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Republican representative Charles Eaton, of New Jersey, its ranking minority member, to give them information concerning his itinerary and objectives. Mr. Jessup's itinerary, with the exception of Taiwan, follows the U.S. military planners' concept of a strategic defence ring which must be held against the Communists in the Far East.

Taiwan was at one time included, but present thinking is that there is no feasible way of holding it against the Communists in view of reported demoralisation of the Nationalist forces and alleged ill-will of the Taiwanese toward Chiang Kai-shek's government.

Mr. Jessup's role on this tour is principally that of a factfinder for Mr. Acheson. He is not expected to make any broad and over-all recommendation, but to provide advice and information on specific situations, which can be pieced together here by persons with broader knowledge of Far Eastern affairs.—United Press.

INQUIRY INTO CUSTOMS OFFICIAL

Paris, December 15. An administrative inquiry has been opened at Orly Airport and the chief of the Airport Customs Division, M. Henri Riand, has been provisionally suspended from his functions following the discovery of 37 kilograms (81.4 pounds) of gold in the suitcase of a Syrian passenger arriving from Beyrouth.

The passenger, called Mariani, was arrested by the Surete Nationale (the French Scotland Yard).—Reuter.

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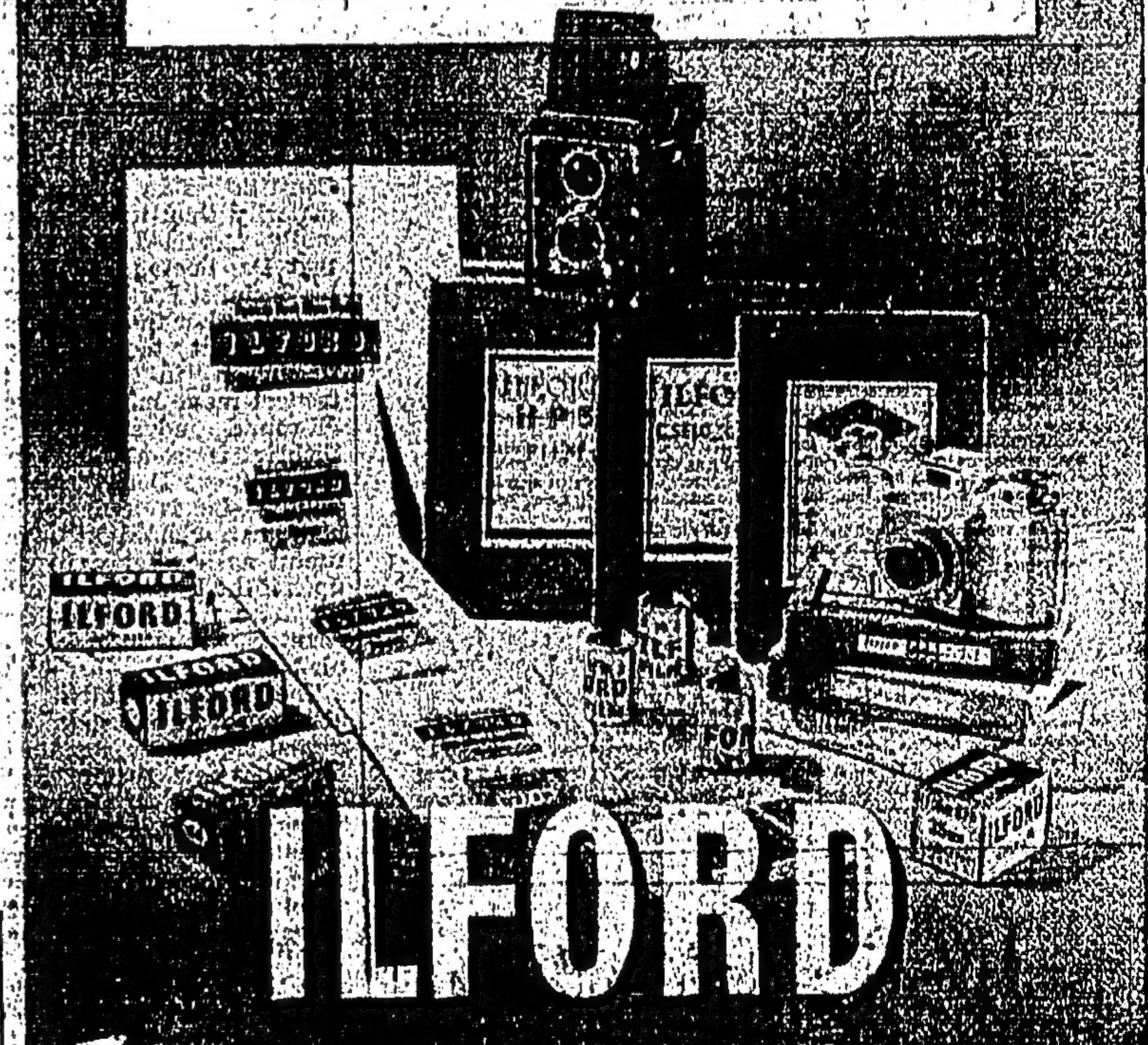
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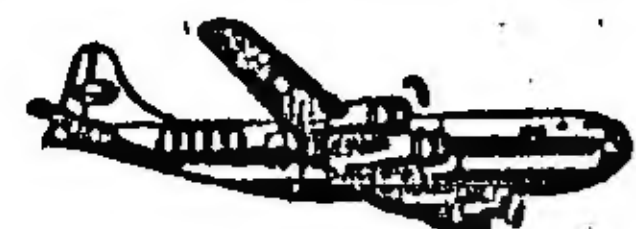
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Meer at the Kowloon Hos-
pital a son Peter Alex on
December 15th 1949.

SETTLEMENT IN INDONESIA

Mr. Vyshinsky is said to
have arrived in Paris from
New York looking very pleased
but proclaiming "I am
furious. No decision taken by
the United Nations gave me
satisfaction." He didn't do so
badly, at least from the view-
point of speechmaking. He
was able to declaim against
"Colonial Imperialism" to his
heart's content, though even
in some parts of Africa there
is more freedom than exists
anywhere in the satellite
States or in Soviet Russia it-
self for that matter. But on
the whole the Assembly ses-
sion was unproductive for the
Soviet delegation, which had
even to swallow the un-
pleasant pill of Yugoslavia's
election to the Security Coun-
cil.

The United Nations could,
and would, have done much
more but for Mr. Vyshinsky's
constant obstruction. But
one admirable and historic
result is the settlement in
Indonesia, which the Soviet
delegation and the satellite
spokesmen opposed to the
very end. In that settlement
the United Nations Com-
mission played a big part.
It wasn't easy—far from it.
Mutual mistrust between the
two major parties clouded
every issue. The Commission
was mainly responsible for
overcoming that difficulty,
and now all is in a fair way
to completion and confirma-
tion.

The Republican Parliament
at Jogjakarta has ratified both
the agreement and the new
Constitution by a far larger
majority than had been gen-
erally expected. It is true
that Dr. Soetari Sjahrir and
his Socialist Party of 30 walk-
ed out rather than vote for or
against, but there are con-
tingencies in which this
tactical move might prove of
all-round advantage. Dr.
Sjahrir is something more
than a mere Don Quixote in
politics—he is a far-sighted
statesman who might be most
useful as a reserve to draw
upon if the leaders responsible
for the agreement should en-
counter serious internal trou-
ble later on.

The Federal States have
also approved, and so only the
formal signatures remain be-
fore the new nation of the
United States of Indonesia,
the new Union, and the new
Constitution of Indonesia,
come into force. The Federal
structure was to some extent
imposed on the Republicans
and it may well be that in
time there will be modifica-
tions as the popular will flows
more strongly.

Meanwhile sovereignty is to
be transferred before the end
of the month, and the new
Indonesian Government will
be created. The electoral
college is scheduled to ap-
point the President today—
and it is taken almost for
granted that the choice will
fall upon Dr. Soekarno. The
President, in turn, will choose
three Cabinet members and
they will select three others,
after which the heads of
Ministries will be appointed
and the Senate and Lower
House will be created.

The work of taking over
authority from the Dutch be-
gan some time ago. The
Federalists have played a use-
ful role since the Republic
became a republic—that is,

The most striking event at
the beginning of the month in
British home politics was the
publication by the "News
Chronicle" of its Gallup Poll
on the way people would vote
at the General Election.

This showed that 38 per cent
intended to vote Labour, 48 per
cent Conservative, 13 per cent
Liberal, and one per cent for other
Parties. The percentage voting
Labour has fallen considerably,
and the percentage voting Con-
servative has risen since the pre-
vious polls.

The United States, that
land of giant enthusiasms,
has just produced a new one
which has swept from New
York to San Francisco with
the fury of a forest fire.

It is a card-game called
Canasta (with the accent on the
second syllable), and it has trans-
cended all records since Cul-
bertson, with his genius for
systematic play, put contract
bridge on the world map 20
years ago.

Ladies' Invention

The original flame was kindled
in Montevideo (called memorably
by Mr. Churchill Monty Viddeo)
and by its inhabitants Montevideo,
the capital of Uruguay,
just about the time the Graf
Spee scuttled herself off the
harbour.

In Uruguay card conventions
were fairly rigid in 1940. Women
played bridge—it was, par excel-
lence, a "ladies game"—while
men played poker, from which
women were rigorously excluded.
The only "mixed" game was gin
rummy.

The ladies, bored with their
own company, invented a new
game based on a number of
elements culled from other
games. It had some of the card-
reading of bridge, especially in
the discard; it had some of the
bluff of poker; it had some of the
putting down on the table of

best policy was to stop calling
them puppets and to create
with them a united Indonesian
front. The U.N. Commission
was the chief factor in help-
ing the Dutch and the Repub-
licans to agree. Of course
the Soviet wanted to cancel all
that has been accomplished
and sack the lot, but though
the Commission has practical-
ly completed its work, it may
still render useful services
during the final processes. If
there are further disputes,
they are more likely to con-
cern the Republicans and the
Federalists, rather than the
Dutch, who have shown the
utmost goodwill since, the
liberal-minded leadership of
Dr. van Royen put them on a
firm and set course.

It may be hoped, that the
Republicans will not push
their own preferences too far
at this stage. They are al-
ready the most important fac-
tor in the new State, and some
of them have never liked the
Federal structure. They dis-
like it not merely because of
the way in which it was pro-
duced, but because they pre-
fer the unitary State. But
Federalism is undoubtedly the
best principle to go upon at
the beginning of the life of
the new State.

There has always been a
large sense of autonomy
among the infinite variety of
races that inhabit this scat-
tered island archipelago. They
have mostly lived their own
lives in their own way for cen-
turies, even under the Dutch,
and East Indonesia will be
more peaceful and co-opera-
tive as a separate entity of the
United Republic than it would
be under the specific direction
of the political intelligentsia
in Jogjakarta.

Burma has already fallen
apart, and the issue of racial
and tribal autonomy keeps
the country tragically disun-
ited. Stability in Indonesia
will be as valuable to the De-
mocratic cause as the all-
round agreement itself. And
federalism will also have its
value if the Communist and
other opponents of the settle-
ment take to the jungle and
try to throw this populous
land into chaos.

Taken by and large the ag-
reement is a far better one
than seemed even re-
motely likely in the days
of tedious negotiations. But
Indonesia may have further
trouble ahead unless her
leaders measure up to the re-
sponsibilities and opportuni-
ties before them and turn to
the temple of freedom with
true devotion and self-sacrific-
ing spirit.

STRAW VOTE IN BRITAIN

By "WINDRUSH"

This does not mean that the
Conservatives are in private
confrontation with other investiga-
tions which have shown the same re-
sults, but it has caused a vigorous re-
sult in the general pre-election
excitement in Great Britain today.
People have noticed the New
Zealand elections with interest.
They now have also drawn their
conclusions from the Australian
elections.

Why should the mass of the
people vote Conservative and
against Labour? Certainly the
Conservative leadership in recent

months has not been inspiring.
The Conservatives have been one
of the most ineffective opposition
parties in Parliament in the
memory of the public. They have
thrown away every opportunity after
opportunity of damaging the Gov-
ernment; the last was their failure
over ground nuts.

Very few people feel much con-
fidence in, or affection for, the
Conservative chiefs, except for
Mr. Churchill. There is wide-
spread fear that a Conservative
victory may mean unemployment
of one or two million people.

A Certain Swing

Yet, that there is a certain
swing away from Labour, nobody
can doubt. A very large number
of people have lost confidence in
the Government since devalua-
tion. It may be that any Gov-
ernment in Great Britain at that
time would have been forced to de-
value. But the Labour Govern-
ment played its hand in the worst
possible way. It should so loudly
claim that it would not devalue, that
when devaluation came, it could
not avoid losing face.

The history of recent months is
curiously like that of other
periods in British parliamentary
history when a party, which had
been brought to power originally
by a wave of public enthusiasm,
has been losing out in the last months
of its tenure. What happens at such
times is that Ministers suddenly
seem to lose their grip. No
leadership comes from them.
Often they seem the victim of
sheer bad luck as disaster after
disaster rains on them. They are
full of complaints. They cannot
put a foot right. They seem to
know in their sub-conscious mind
that they are breaking up.

This was the plight of the Con-
servative Government in 1905 just
before the great Liberal triumph
which brought in the modern age
of British politics.

Some observers think the La-
bour Government is suffering
from the same plagues. Consider the
events of the last month. There
has been the ground nuts scandal.
There was the uproar over the
Pakenham case when Lord Paken-
ham virtually over-rode a judicial
tribunal. There has been the re-
velation of the Transport losses.
There have been the foolish at-
tacks on the Home Office.

Mr. Morrison has even hinted
that a new Labour Government
would take powers to cripple
Conservative Party finances. Sir
Stafford Cripps, whose fall in
prestige has been the most sensa-
tional of the last month, began to
blame the people of Eng-
land for their plight. After hav-
ing warned them in September of
the extreme gravity of the econ-
omic crisis he now says that it is
nothing very urgent.

Passion For Unity

Why cannot the Labour Cabinet
resort to unity? Partly it is
because it has a passion for
unity. All Labour members re-
call that the Party Spirit in 1931
led to utter defeat. But today
they are keeping the Party united,
at the cost of having no policy
at all.

The Labour Cabinet may have
passed out of this bad phase be-
fore the Election. It still has
enormously strong support. People
are grateful to it for the benefits
it has given. Most of the people
have not yet begun to feel the
pinch of the crisis. Never before
have they lived so well as at the
moment. Austerity is limited to
the Middle Classes.

Thus the Labour Party may
still come back to power. It is
always disconcerting its critics by
unexpectedly winning by elec-
tions. If Labour falls it will be
because the electorate has begun
to fear that though Socialism con-
fers benefits for a time, it ties up
the national economy in such a
way that the final result is crash
and bankruptcy.

Canasta Came, Caught On And Conquered

By
GUY RAMSEY

rummy, pinochle or bezique; and
as piquet and cario are played
in French, it was played in the
liquid Spanish of its birthplace.

While a greater war raged in
Europe the war of canasta raged
in Montevideo. For every school
played by local rules; every
group modified the score; every
"expert" had a new idea of
strategy and tactics.

There existed a chaos among
canasta players like that which
almost strangled contract in the
30's.

By 1940 canasta was fairly
well codified and standardised.
By 1948 it had been carried by
the large tourist population far
beyond the limit of its origin, to
Buenos Aires, to Rio, and thence
to North America.

The forest fire has burned so
brightly, so fiercely, that it has
crossed the Atlantic; and 3,000
miles of water have not sufficed
to extinguish it.
Last month two books on it
were published in London:
"Canasta del Uruguay," by
Cecilia and David Salinas, two
U.S. diplomats stationed in
Uruguay during the game's forma-
tive years; and "Canasta," by
Ottile H. Kelly, with a foreword
by Theodore Lightner, one of
the United States' "world mas-
ter" card-players.

But the Salinas game is not
the game of the Kellys. They
are as different, not as chalk and
cheese but rather as Stilton and
Gorgonzola.

Both versions agree that a
"canasta"—it is Spanish for basket,
and presumably means that the
key features of other games
have been gathered into the
canasta of the new game—is a
set of seven cards, identical
value, such as seven kings. The
Salinas couple call this a canasta
—of bridge.

Wanted--A Pied Piper

By JAMES ROSS

I have just come out of the
Ops room. As Ops rooms go
it differs very little from
the traditional type with
which so many of us became
familiar during the late war.

On the walls were dozens of
maps all marked up with pins of
different colour, and black thread
running in a zig zag across the
map from South to North.

That line of black thread was
the front line, and I had been
getting a good look at the enemy
dispositions.

The Ops room was situated in
the Alberta Parliament Buildings,
and into this place had poured
exact information to the
province of the enemy that in a
year was going to exact a toll of
many millions of dollars from the
residents of Alberta, Canada.

The enemy is advancing slowly
but surely at the rate of 12 miles
per year. A glance at the map
will show how close the enemy is
from the border at the moment,
and the vast distance travelled
since 1900.

The awful thing is that there
is no means known to man that
will stop this advance, or prevent
it from enveloping the whole
province.

My interest in this impending
invasion was first aroused by
learning that Alberta is a rat
free province. Up to the present
the only rats seen here are those
which have migrated in railway
cars, and they have been
quickly rounded up and destroyed.

From the questions I put to
various local people, I learned
that rats cannot live in Alberta
because of the altitude and the
intense cold in winter. As a re-
sult, I was told, there is no need
to get all burned up about this
rat invasion; they just won't
amount to a row of beans.

I went in search of someone
who might really know about
the matter. I found Mr. J. H. Brown, entomologist
to the Government of Alberta,
and discovered that he has equip-
ped a whole Ops room, to deal
with the matter.

Popular Fallacy

He laughed when told him of
my "theory" that rats could not
live here.

That, he said, is a popular
fallacy among the people here.
We have been warning them
about it in public campaigns for
many years, but the folk here
are just a bunch of scientific
people.

Impia, or "clean" canasta, while
Mrs. Kelly styles it a "perfect"
canasta.

There are "wild" cards—cards
which may be called anything
you choose—in both versions.
The jokers are also wild, but
the Salinas game has only two
jokers and Mrs. Kelly demands
four.

The red threes—the threes of
Hearts and Diamonds—of which
there are four, since the game is
played with two ordinary packs
of cards mixed together, are
bonus cards in both versions like
the seven of trumps in bezique or
the turned-up knave in crib-
bage; but the black threes are of
no particular interest to the
Salinas faction, while Mrs. Kelly
regards them as cards which
"freeze" the discards.

The runs or sequences (Q, J,
10 of Diamonds, for instance),
which figure in rummy are sanc-
tioned in the Salinas game and
called escaleras (staircases), but
are forbidden in the Kelly rules.

But these are minor differences
only; some of them mere differ-
ences of terminology.

Watch Points

The root of the game is that
of rummy: to go out by declaring
trios or—if you can—canastas as
quickly as you can, and compel
your opponents not to go out.
But you may not "meld"—i.e., put
down a trio or more cards on the
table until you can do so with
one worth a given number of
points.

This number varies as the
game progresses. You cannot
meld without 50 points early in
the game; later you require 60;
and in the end game 120.

There is a lot of play—al-
though more luck—in canasta;
and the points are apt to run
as in mah jongg—very high
indeed.

If you embark on canasta
make very sure that you all play
the same rules. Also make very
sure that your stakes are well
within your purse.
I myself am now off for a game
—of bridge.



No, Myrtle, this new atomic
weapon which Britain is said to
have is not pulverized mock.

"CAT planes leave H.K.
Seizure feared?"
Sorry, I'm afraid I don't know
either.

Australian ex-POW's say
Mandrake (beg pardon, Mac-
Arthur) is quite wrong, and that
they themselves wouldn't trust
the Japs in a million years.
Just another instance of how
familiarity breeds contempt.

A writer on the subject of
China recognition mentions one
American organisation which "has
a few thousand members of
industrialists, professors, lawyers,
wholesale merchants, bankers and
other intellectuals."
Are there any others?

"Mrs. made a trip to
Singa— who has been seriously
ill with ulcer of pore yesterday
to visit her husband the stomach.
His condition is steadily
improving."
Honest? And how are all the
little proof readers?

More howlers.
The chief animals of Australia
are the kangaroo, boomerang and
peccadillo.
Sound is a rapid series of oc-
currences.
The children was the boy whose
mother dipped him in the River
Sinx until he was intolerable.

In America people are put to
death by education.
Matrimony is a place where
souls suffer for a time on
account of their sins.

Double dealing is when you
buy something wholesale to sell
retail.
The last letter in the English
alphabet is yours truly.

Concurrently with the House of
Lords demand for an independent
industry into the East African
groundnuts scheme, Mr. Strachey
is on his way to Kongwa. I am
told, however, that he will be
unable to put the whole thing in
a nutshell.

Regarding this invalid cheque
case, I am reminded that my own
bank account is in a pretty
delicate state at the moment.

Myrtle was wearing a really
daring strapless evening gown
last night when her host
approached with a man. "This
is Professor Benz, authority on
structural engineering. He wants
to ask you something."

"Alleged driver freed."
Come, come, now. Since the
driving test was instituted,
nobody's as bad as all that.

"C-c-can you g-g-give me
f-f-fifteen m-minutes?"
"Certainly. What is it?"
"I w-w-want to have a f-f-five
m-minutes' c-c-conversation with
you."

A headmaster states that
parents don't realise what a
strain evening preparation can
be to a child.
One would have thought it had
been brought home to them often
enough.

An oil company in Papua got
only a night trace of oil after
drilling 2,300 feet.
What a bore!

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London Wrangle Over Terms To End Strike UNION STATEMENT

London, December 15.

Hopes of a full restoration of electric current tonight faded as Cabinet Ministers, chiefs of Britain's nationalised electricity industry, trade union leaders and unofficial strikers were this evening caught up in a wrangle over the terms on which the strike should end.

The 2,000 men who stopped work at the beginning of the week, bringing widespread blackout to parts of Southern England voted today to resume work pending further negotiations on their claim for a special "heat and dirt" bonus.

At Barking—biggest power station in Europe—the strikers went back, but at the three other stations they refused to sign a declaration that they were returning to work "unconditionally".

The Home Secretary, Mr. Chamberlain told Parliament that the Government did not anticipate that it would be necessary to introduce emergency powers to deal with the situation.

One of the union leaders, Mr. Frank Foulkes, President of the Electrical Trades Union, told a reporter that the only conditions imposed when the unions met the Electricity Authority yesterday were on the trade union officials, who agreed to conduct negotiations in accordance with agreements, to satisfy the men's just demand.

He added, "I agree with the workers that under no circumstances could they take up employment with the BEA unconditionally. They can only take up employment on the conditions laid down in the national agreement."

Later a statement by the BEA said that it fully intended to observe the existing agreement settled in accordance with the constitutional machinery.

Mass meetings of some of the strikers were called for tonight and the men who resumed work at Barking have called a mass meeting for early tomorrow to decide their future action.

—Reuter

Creech Jones On Malay Campaign

London, December 15.

About 300 Malayans bandits have surrendered since the outbreak of banditry in Malaya, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told the House of Commons today.

Mr. Creech Jones said that the Malayan Communist Party, an outgrowth of Chinese banditry, continued to be an active influence behind the bandits in Malaya.

There was no evidence that the bandits were receiving direct material assistance from the Communist Party in China or elsewhere, he said.

Since last October, when he last made a statement, there had been further steady progress in the anti-bandit campaign, despite local setbacks, he added.

"Although the end of the emergency cannot yet be predicted, the bandits' difficulties are increasing daily and the fear of being shot by their own leaders is in many cases making it difficult for larger numbers to surrender," he said.

Mr. Creech Jones disclosed that the casualties among civil and security forces in Malaya since the start of operations against the bandits were approximately 980 killed, 753 wounded and 210 missing. This was up to December 8.

Among casualties included in these figures were 100 killed and 102 wounded British and 78 wounded were British—Reuter

—Reuter

As a rule, Midnight Mass is celebrated only on Christmas Eve. The announcement issued by Cardinal Aloisio Masella also authorised Catholics to receive Holy Communion at the New Year's Midnight Mass.

Rome officials said today that about 8,000 prisoners will be released by the end of the year.

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Search For Survivors

Miami, Florida, December 15.

Aircraft and ships today searched for the burning bulk of the 921-ton Dutch motor vessel Dorado, shattered by an explosion off Miami, but she was believed to have sunk during the night, carrying with her 10 of the 11 victims of the explosion.

Thirteen survivors are safe, eight are in a Miami hospital and five are on board a rescue ship, the oil tanker Willemstad, bound for Philadelphia.

Those brought to Miami were taken from a lifeboat 300 miles off the Florida coast by the tanker Sparrow's Point.—Reuter.

Recognition Issue And Hong Kong

London, December 15.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, attended a cabinet meeting at 10, Downing Street on Thursday, when the ministers reportedly considered his recommendation that recognition should be given to the Chinese Communist government before the end of the year.

Informed sources said that the factors connected with recognition which is still in an inoperable state, included: firstly, the question of Hong Kong. The Foreign Office has noted that the Chinese Communists made no mention of the Crown Colony in their declared intention of "liberating" all Chinese territory under foreign rule, although they have mentioned Tibet.

It remains to be seen whether the formal terms of recognition, mutual respect for sovereignty and territory will be applied to Hong Kong by the Communist regime.

Secondly, the situation regarding Taiwan. Mr. Bevin has made clear the British government's contention that Taiwan is technically Japanese territory until the peace treaty with Japan is signed. If the Chinese Communists should attack the island after recognition by the British government, the technicality arises whether Britain could continue recognising a belligerent government.

Thirdly, the question of Britain's treaty relations with Burma. As in the case of Tibet, Britain is under no obligation, but if asked by Burma for military aid for defence purposes, the Anglo-Burmese treaty would make it hard for Britain to refuse if Burma was invaded from the North.—United Press.

Buenos Aires, December 15. Argentina is bidding for world tourist trade by granting preferential customs treatment to visitors. A new Government decree permits tourists to bring in motorcars tax free and export permits are waived on souvenir purchases of national manufacture.—Associated Press.

She Can Pick Her Husband

Gettysburg, South Dakota, December 15.

Ilse Derinowska, aged 23, of Hamburg, Germany, can have her pick from some 50 prospective husbands in the Midwest of the United States. She wrote a letter recently to the Mayor of Gettysburg, Mr. Walter Sundgaard, saying that she was lonely and wanted a good American husband.

The Mayor showed the letter to some reporters. Answering letters are now still arriving daily although the Mayor has a long since discontinued running a "lonely hearts" agency.

One 35-year-old Iowa farmer drove 380 miles to get first-hand information about Ilse from the Mayor. The man said his mother proposed the trip by suggesting he should pick out a girl for a wife.

Lacking a stenographer, the Mayor said that he was bundling up the letters as they arrived and forwarding them to Ilse for personal attention.—Reuter.

B-29 Crashes, Kills Five Instantly

Roswell, New Mexico, December 15.

A B-29 Air Force bomber, crashed and burned near Walker Air Force Base here tonight, killing five men instantly. Nine other members of the crew miraculously escaped death, although three were in critical condition and one was seriously hurt. The others suffered only minor injuries.

Captain A. Pyatt, Walker Base public information officer, credited the quick work of the Air police and Base firefighters with saving the nine survivors.

"They got to the scene in a matter of minutes," he said. "It was a marvellous rescue job and miraculous that all of the men weren't killed."

The big plane was on a routine training flight and was returning to Walker Base at 5.16 p.m. MST when it suddenly plunged to earth two miles from the base. Equipment sped to the scene from the base and from nearby Roswell.

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Gov't Silent On Report Britain Has Atom Bomb

London, December 15.

British Government officials throw up a quick screen today against questions on a London newspaper report that a British atomic weapon would not be tried out in Pacific tests as American super-bombs.

"There has never been an official statement that Britain already had an atomic weapon to test and we cannot comment one way or another about it," a Ministry of Supply spokesman said.

Nothing has been disclosed officially of what progress Britain has made towards the development or actual production of an atom bomb, although several atomic energy establishments for research or the manufacture of plutonium have been built or are under construction.

Following recent American-British-Canadian atomic talks in Washington, participants said that Britain had the knowledge necessary for atom bomb production but disclosed that it had been suggested that Britain could use the United States as an "atomic arsenal" instead of building its own elaborate and expensive bomb factory.

Whatever Britain has to offer in the atomic world now would be guided on decisions taken by their representatives with the United States and Canada about the exact form and extent of collaboration.

Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific Ocean is the American proving ground for atom bombs. British scientists attended the last American atom bomb tests there.

British scientists are equally concerned with long-range weapon tests held secretly at the carefully guarded Woomera rocket range in Australia.

Reports recently suggested that some new experiments were contemplated there but nothing has been officially disclosed.—Reuter.

Students 'Declare War'

Antwerp, December 15.

Students at nearby Malines "declared war" today on students here (because about 100 students from Antwerp yesterday stormed Malines' museum and stole a 400-year-old doll, the "Opwijnjorke").

The tiny wooden figure, dressed in a gold-buttoned cloak and very dear to the inhabitants of Malines, was stolen by the inhabitants of Antwerp once before, in 1775, and later recovered.

The doll is symbolic of an old Antwerp custom practised 500 years ago. Unfaithful husbands were taken by their friends and tossed in a blanket. The custom was stopped by the Church as there were too many accidents.

As a result, a doll was tossed in the blanket instead. This had the effect of publicly announcing that "Monsieur so and so" had been unfaithful to his wife. The police were today still searching for the dummy husband.—Reuter.

Communist Prisoners In Riot

Calcutta, December 15.

Fifty-two persons were reported to have been injured today when 250 Communist prisoners, wielding broken furniture, fought police, firemen and wardens for four hours in Calcutta's biggest gaol.

The warden said rioters were subdued by pistol shots and tear gas.

Unofficial reports said 17 firemen and policemen and 35 prisoners were injured, five seriously.

The fighting broke out when prisoners—men and women who had been held for weeks without trial—staged a protest demonstration against the bi-weekly search of their cells by wardens.

Women prisoners overpowered women wardens, bound their hands and feet and locked them in a cell before joining the men.

The prisoners broke furniture and crockery and seized pieces to fight the wardens, according to the prison announcement. The firemen and police were called.

The firemen played hoses on the demonstrators, but fell back after a furious charge in which several firemen were injured. The police then opened fire, breaking up the demonstration.—United Press.

HE HAS HAD ENOUGH OF No. 16

Cobra Rapids, Iowa, December 15.

Mr. J. F. Williams, aged 37, often called Iowa's "most married man," has filed suit for a divorce from wife No. 16. In his petition filed here today, he said the former Mrs. Louise Parker of Cleveland, Ohio, who became Mrs. Williams in 1948 after a postal romance, had left him.

Mr. Williams said that her parting words were: "I would not live with you in paradise." Mr. Williams married for the first time in 1904 and remained wed to the same wife for 24 years. His other marriages were relatively brief.—Reuter.

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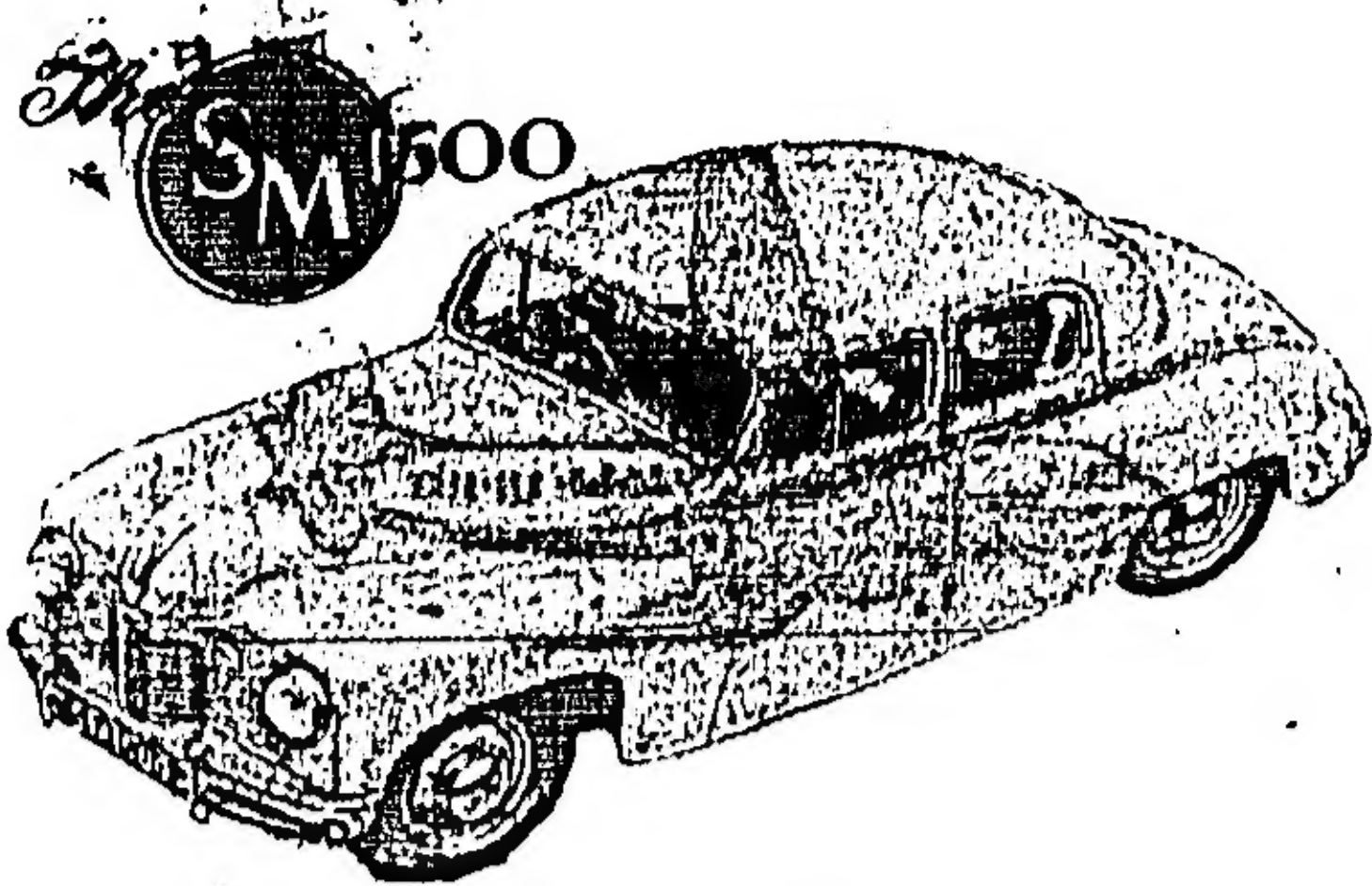
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A new Caltex service station, operated by the China International Motors, agents for Buick and Vauxhall cars, has been opened at the intersection of Nathan and Salisbury Roads.

The new station was formally opened on Friday, when Mr. I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, drove up his car to the pump for the first "fill".

Also present at the opening were Mr. Edward Eu, Managing Director of China International Motors, Mrs. Eu, Mr. N. Buryan, Manager of China International Motors, Mr. D. H. Rowson, District Manager of the Texaco (China) Company, and others.

The station, which is ideally located, is expected to prove of great benefit to motorists in Kowloon's shopping district.

HKAA Car Park
In Jordan Road

The Hong Kong Automobile Association, in an effort to increase its services rendered to the motoring public, now maintains a petrol and car cleaning service at the Kowloon terminus of the Yau Ma Tei Ferry at Jordan Road.

This new service has proved to be a great success, and many Kowloon motorists are availing themselves of the service, preferring to travel in the comparative comfort of the Yau Ma Tei Ferry rather than in the over-crowded Star ferries.

No announcement in recent years has been awaited with such interest as that of the Holden car manufactured in Australia by General Motors-Holden.

A description appeared in "The Autocar" of December 3, 1948. Predictions varied from a large woolly full-powered type to something akin to an English Ten, but a commendable balance has been struck in producing a car that suits most Australian requirements.

The Holden is a powerful, economical car of good appearance and clearance.

The Australian representative of "The Autocar" was recently given an opportunity of testing one of these cars during a trip of 160 miles from Sydney. The greater part of the road covered was of good surface with a short distance of loose corrugated gravel.

There are two outstanding features about the Holden. The first is its seating capacity. Many of these cars are now to be seen on Australian roads and from the exterior appearance one would be justified in classing them as small family cars, but open one of the four doors and it will at once be seen that six not-too-large people can be seated in comfort. The Holden's compact appearance belies its considerable body space.

Good m.p.g.

The other surprising feature about the Holden is the excellent fuel consumption. During the test run a figure of a little more than 32 m.p.g. was obtained. The kerb weight of the car is 19 cwt 3 qrs, and the engine is rated at 21.6 h.p. Power-to-weight ratio of 1.08 rated horse-power per cwt (or 1.03 lb per c.c.) is largely responsible for the quality of liveliness noticeable in the car and for its remarkable fuel consumption.

The source of power is a conventional valve-in-head six-cylinder engine of 2.17-litre capacity, inherently balanced and rubber mounted, giving a marked absence of vibration. A down-draught Stromberg carburettor with air cleaner is fed by an AC booster-type fuel pump; manifold heat is automatically controlled.

The 8in dry-plate clutch is cushion-centred and gave a very pleasing demonstration of smooth engagement. The three-speed gear box, with synchromesh on top and second, controlled from the steering column, is silent.

In accordance with modern trends the body and chassis are of integral construction. Rubber seals line the door flanges and effectively exclude dust. Wide doors and a low floor level give ease of entry. All doors can be locked from inside and the passenger's front door unlocks from outside. Inside handles lift to open.

Safety glass is fitted to all windows and the V windscreen, also the curved glass rear window, in addition to the wind-up windows on the four doors triangular glass panels are fitted. The two 1in front pivot for ventilation.

Front Seating

Front seating is almost as wide as at the rear, and the one-piece front seat is adjustable. The seats are well sprung with inter-locked steel springs and are upholstered in leather.

The instruments are grouped on a raised panel in front of the driver, and include a speedometer.

Sun Roof
For Fixed
Car Heads

Two interesting new Weatherhields products in the shape of a special "Perspex" roof fitting for fixed-head conversions, and a new seat cushion of particular merit in hot weather, were exhibited at the recent Motor Show.

The new roof fitting consists of a large flash-fitting "Perspex" panel of about the same area as the aperture in a normal sliding roof, the centre portion carrying a sliding metal section which can be opened for ventilation.

Thus, the car occupants enjoy much the same benefits of a light interior, and improved visibility in hilly country, as a sliding roof offers but are not affected by weather, while the sliding panel (which provides an aperture of approximately 10 ins. square when fully opened) provides a considerable degree of added ventilation.

To exclude untidy strong sunlight, a spring roller blind is fitted adjacent to the leading edge of the "Perspex" aperture and can be pulled across when desired.

Varying Costs

This Weatherhields Sunroof, as the fitting is known, can be applied to any existing fixed-head saloon or could be incorporated in the original body design by the manufacturers. Conversion costs vary according to the car concerned.

The Weatherhields Coolride Cushion takes the form of a connected pair of comparatively thin, shaped cushions which are simply laid in position on the normal seat with the back against the squab.

The interior consists of an ingenious form of interlocked co-spring mesh, covered with a non-clinging open-weave fabric, the whole being approximately one inch thick.

The particular advantage of this arrangement is that the driver is insulated from the actual car upholstery by a thin ventilated cushion, thus adding greatly to driving comfort in hot weather.

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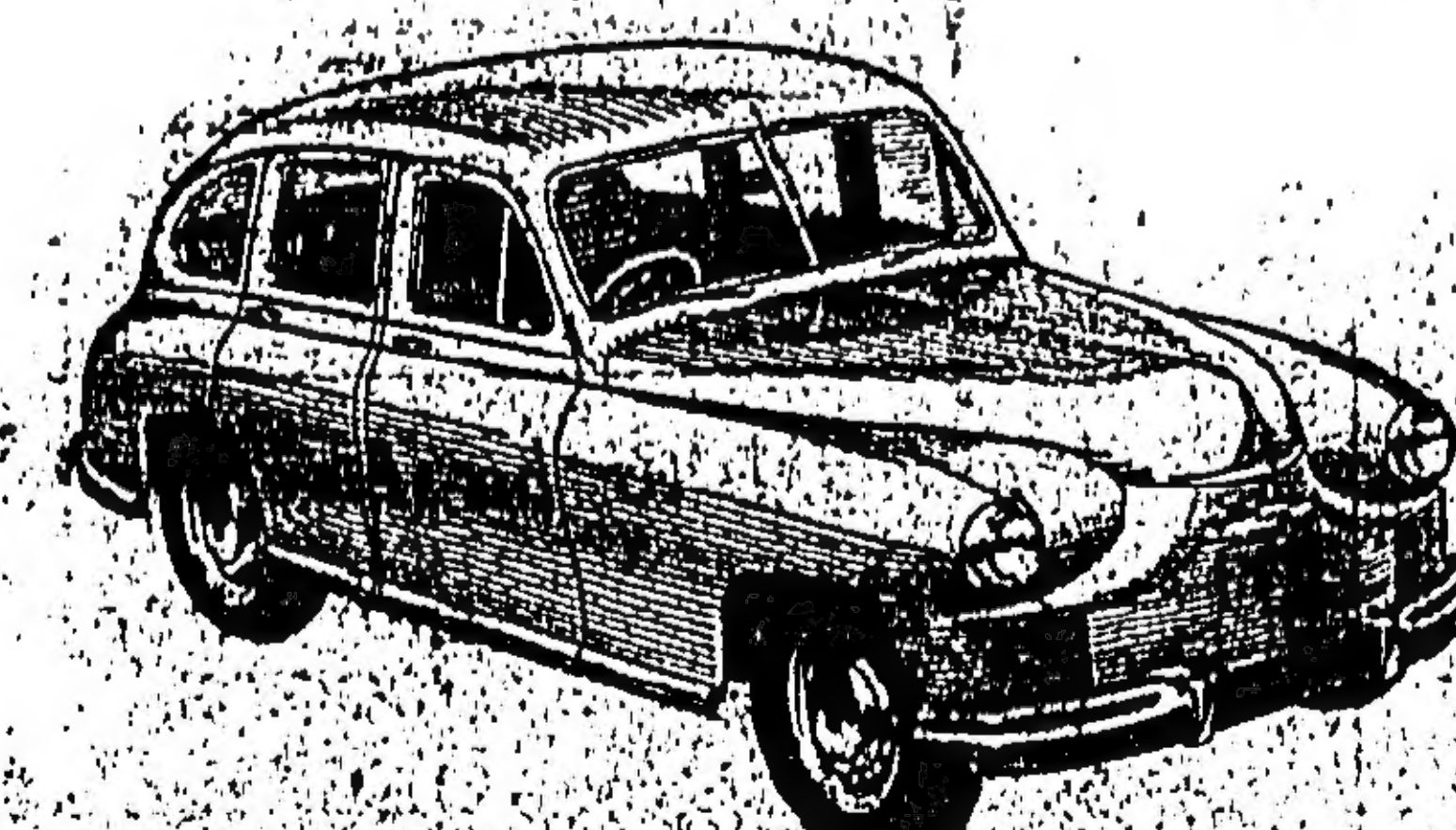
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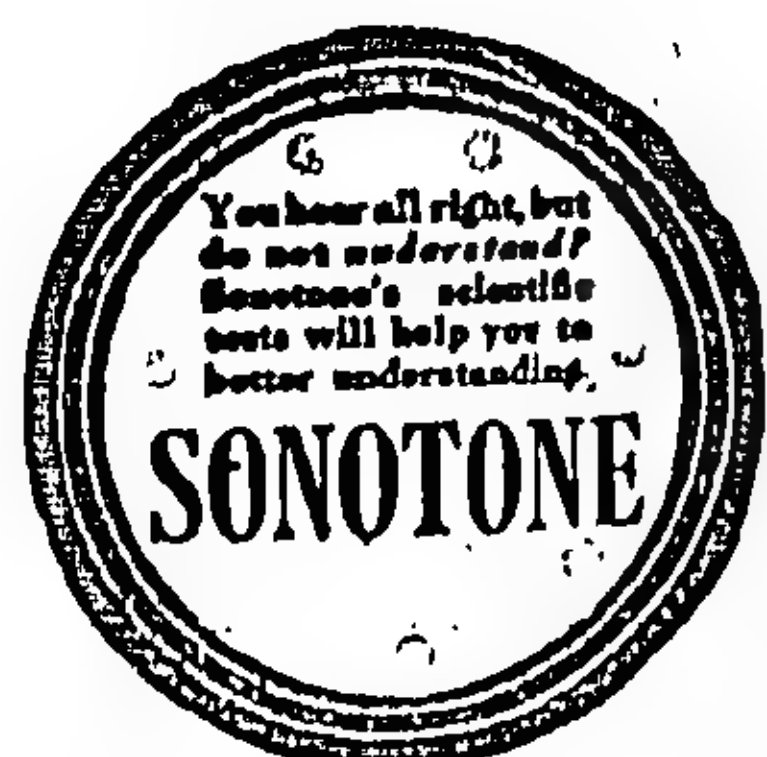
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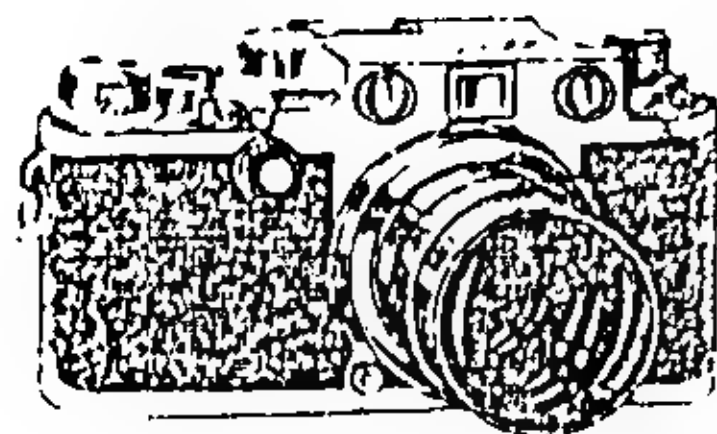
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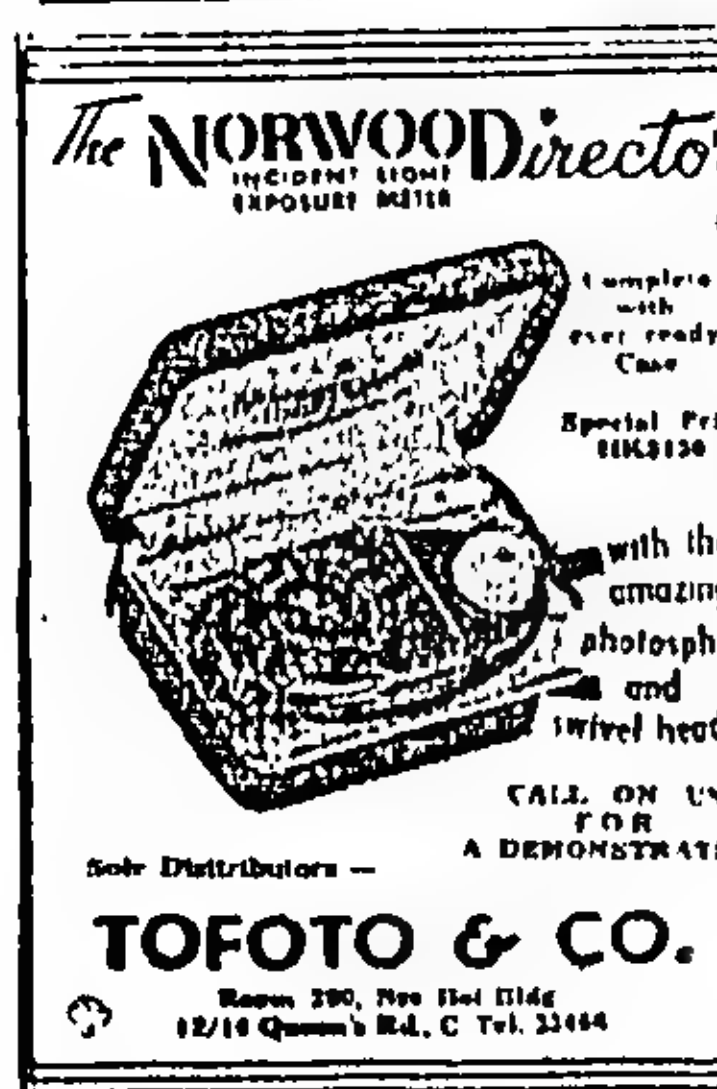
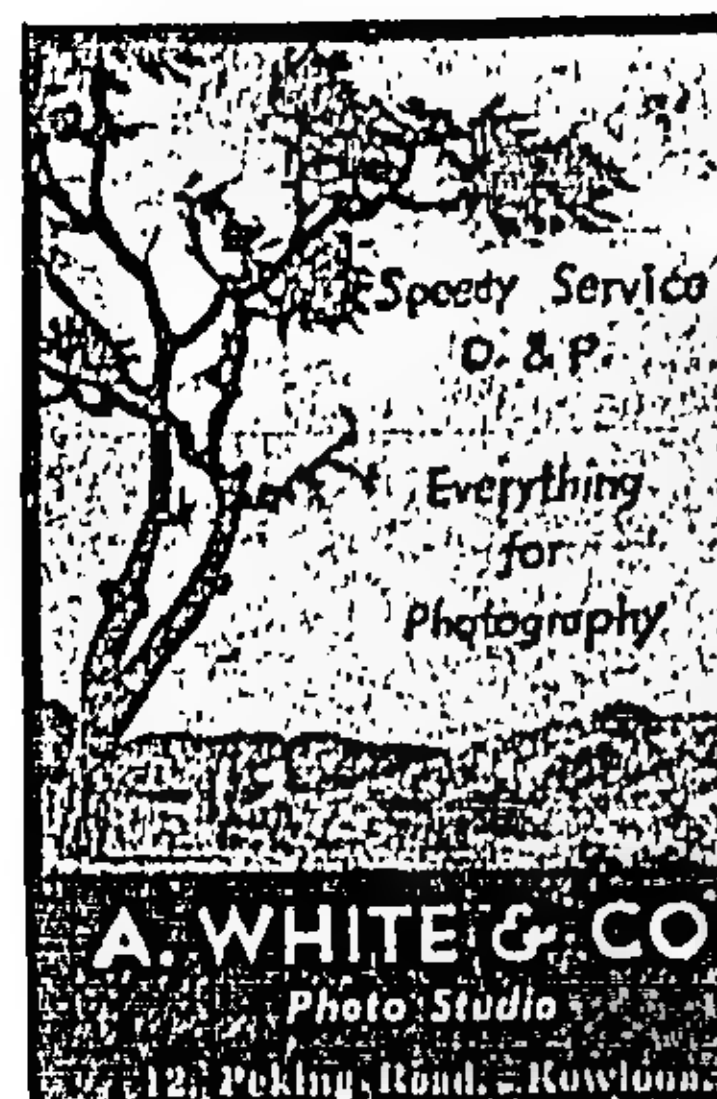
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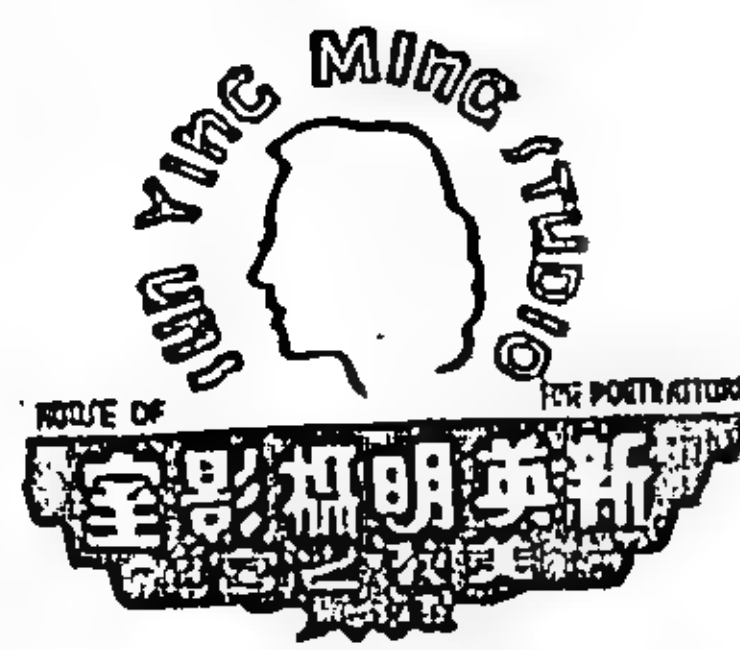
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Good Chance For Growth Of Jap Democracy

Washington, December 15. Lieutenant-Colonel D.R. Nugent, chief of the Civil Information and Education Division of Allied Headquarters in Tokyo, said today he believed there was a good chance that democracy would continue to grow in Japan even after the Occupation ends because most of the major reforms since the surrender have been evolved by the Japanese rather than imposed by their conquerors.

Colonel Nugent, in a United Press interview, said he thought this was especially true in the educational field. He paid high tribute to the work of the Japanese Educational Reform Council and other Japanese who worked on educational reform.

He said the fact that the Japanese worked out most of the reforms themselves gave them a vested interest in continuation of democratic methods and expansion of democratic progress. He warned, however, that Americans must not expect to find Japanese democracy evolving as an exact replica of American democracy.

He said: "Democracy must be adapted to local situations and that is what the Japanese themselves are doing."

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on the Japanese is now deep enough that they would continue the process of evolution toward the best system of democracy for them.

Colonel Nugent has been here attending the Occupied Areas Re-orientation conference of the American Council on Education.

Admitting the Japanese still had a long way to go before they could be considered a thoroughly democratic country, Colonel Nugent nevertheless opined they have been given a sufficient start on the right track and a sufficient desire to carry on so that the process would continue even after the Occupation ends.

Colonel Nugent is to leave Washington today by air for San Francisco where he will spend about one day before taking off on Friday for Tokyo via Honolulu. While in San Francisco he intends to inspect the newly created reception and distribution centre set up by SCAP to take care of the influx of Japanese students and leaders who will come to the United States for study and observation.

Colonel Nugent was accompanied to the United States by Shigeru Nambu, president of Tokyo University. Nambu will not return with Colonel Nugent but remain here a while longer for visits to various educational institutions.—United Press.

Washington, December 15. Dr. Harold C. Urey said today that the third world war will possibly be fought with atomic bombs 1,000 times more powerful than the present models.

This is inevitable unless the democratic nations form a "super-government" within five years, Dr. Urey said.

The noted atomic scientist here to address the meeting of the Atlantic Union Committee, said flatly that world control of the atom bomb is impossible.

The only way to save democratic institutions, the Chicago physicist told a news conference, is for the nations who believe in them to form a federal government for defence against "Russian dictatorship."

He voiced the belief that the North Atlantic nations, by "an enormous unbalance of power," could keep Russia from breaking the peace.

Dr. Urey and the Atlantic Union Committee are supporting Congressional resolutions calling on the United States to sponsor a convention of the Western democracies to explore the feasibility of a "Free Federal Union." This "super-government" would handle military and foreign

affairs and international trade matters affecting all member states.

10-Year War

Dr. Urey said that Democratic Senator Walter George has given an assurance that hearings will be held in January on the federal convention introduced in the last session by Democratic Senator Estes Kefauver and endorsed by some 20 other senators.

The man who helped to develop the American atomic bomb doubts that the American people are willing at present to underwrite a federal constitution governing the Atlantic states.

But, he asserted, they are in favour of exploring the idea.

Urey said that his organization had given itself 5 years in which to forestall a third world war.

Another war will break out only when both Russia and the United States think they have

Americans May Accept More Taxes

Key West, December 15. William Boyle, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, arrived here today from a conference with President Truman and said he believed the people would accept higher taxes if the President considered them necessary.

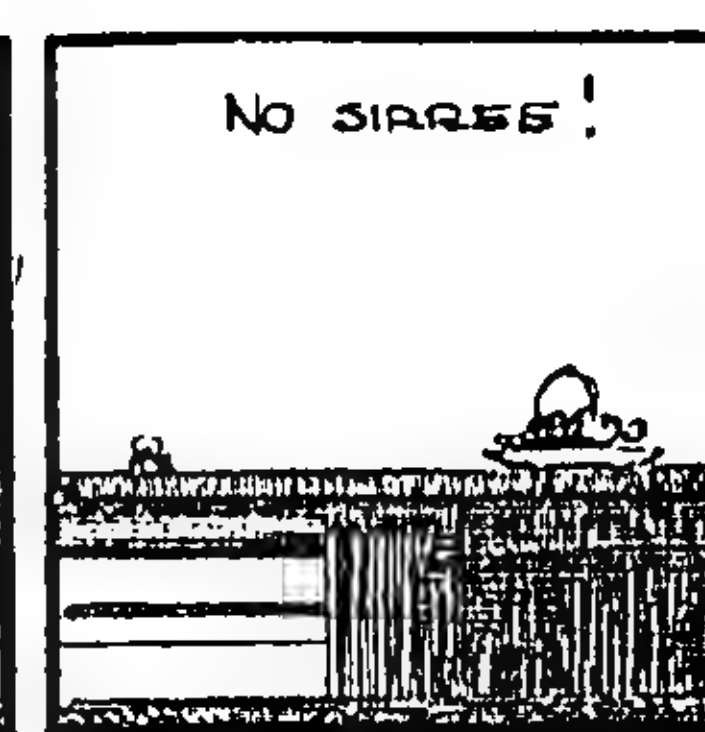
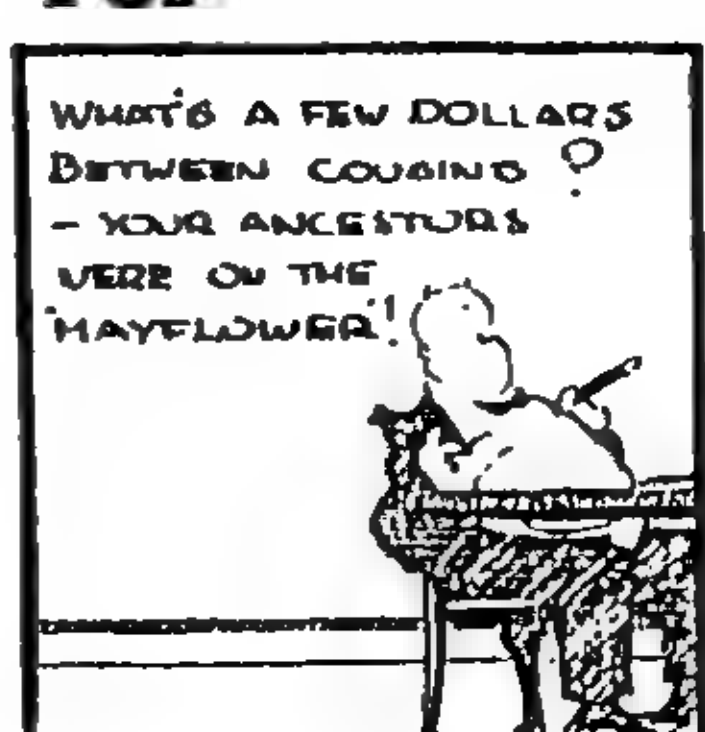
The President himself talked with newsmen earlier in the day about taxes. He said government experts were studying the possible repeal of the excise tax, but had not yet reached a decision. As for basic changes in the overall Federal tax structure, the President told reporters to wait for his January budget message.

Mr. Boyle came here to discuss with the President the political matters with the President this afternoon. He will return to Miami late today and will speak there at a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

Mr. Boyle said he thought President Truman's position with the people of the nation was stronger today even than it was in November 1940, when he defeated Thomas Dewey for the Presidency.—United Press.

adequate supplies of atomic bombs, he said. He predicted that such a war would last 10 years.—United Press.

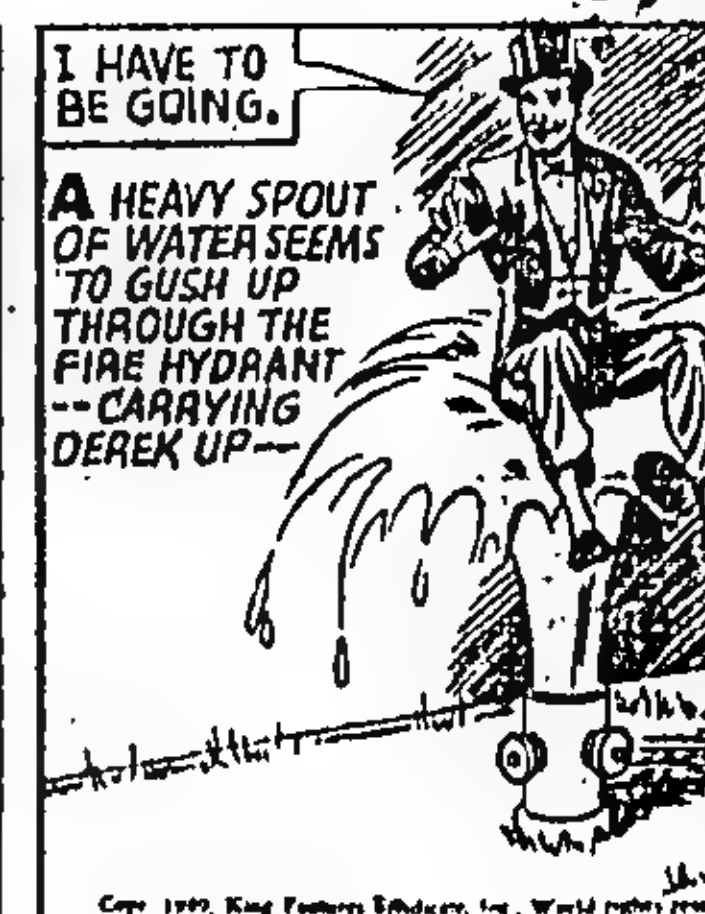
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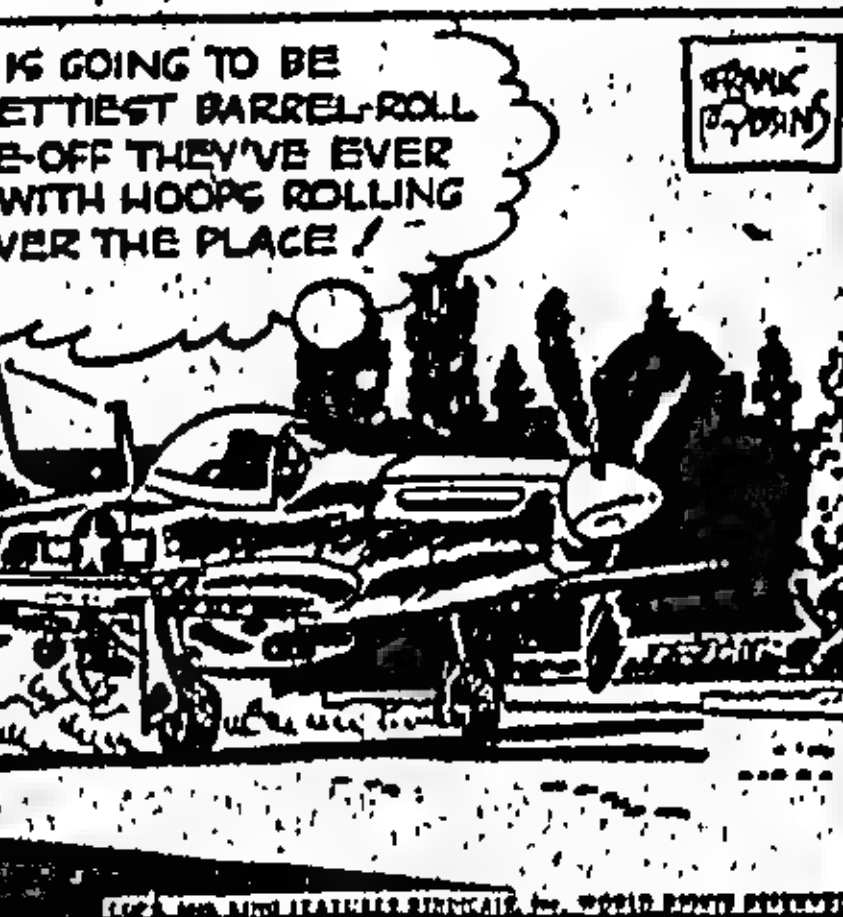
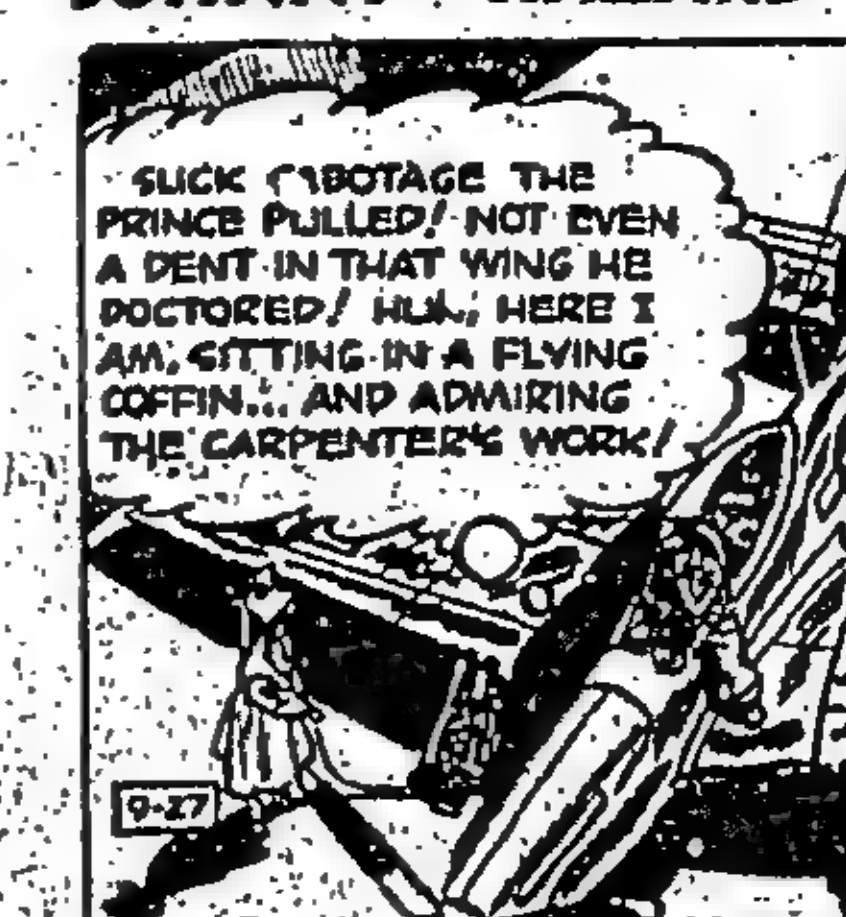
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"RUYS" 23rd Feb.		
SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI		
SAILINGS	ARRIVALS	
"VAN HEUTSZ" 17th Dec.	31st Dec.	
"TJIKALENGKA" 5th Jan.		
* Calling Singapore only.		
EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA		
SAILINGS	ARRIVALS	
"TEGELBERG" 20th Dec.		
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	25th Dec.	
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	7th Jan.	
"TJISADANE" 23rd Feb.		
Calling at Mombasa & L. Marques direct.		
Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to Dar-El-Salam and Zanzibar.		
JAPAN		
SAILINGS	ARRIVALS	
"TEGELBERG" 10th Dec.	28th Dec.	
"RUYS" 27th Dec.	7th Jan.	
"TJISADANE" 9th Jan.		
Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE		
EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA		
SAILINGS	ARRIVALS	
"RIDDERKERK" 9th Jan.	In Port	
"LANGLESCOT" Early Feb.	Mid Jan.	
Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.		
JAPAN		
SAILINGS	ARRIVALS	
"RIDDERKERK" 20th Dec.	8th Jan.	
"LANGLESCOT" Mid Jan.	Early Feb.	
KING'S BUILDING TELS 28015 to 28017		
CHINESE AGENTS 82, CONNAUGHT RD. C TELS 31196-25133		

DE LA RAMA LINES

ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST	
via LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO	
M.V. "DONA ANICETA" 20th Dec.	
M.V. "TRAPANCORE" 1st Jan.	
M.V. "HARLAND" 30th Jan.	
SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST	
via LOS ANGELES	
M.V. "DONA ANICETA" 22nd Dec.	
THE DE LA RAMA STEAMSHIP CO., INC.	
(Incorporated in the Philippines)	
MARINA HOUSE Tels. 23678-23679	CHINESE SHIPPING OFFICE Tels. 23788-20153

AMERICAN PIONEER LINE

to and from	
Atlantic Coast Ports of the United States and Far Eastern Ports	
NEW FAST CARGO SHIPS	
ARRIVALS FROM ATLANTIC	
"PIONEER COVE" Dec. 24	
"PIONEER MAIL" Jan. 15	
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"PIONEER COVE" Dec. 25	
"PIONEER MAIL" Jan. 10	
"PIONEER BAY" Jan. 28	
SAILINGS TO NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA via JAPAN & PANAMA CANAL	
"PIONEER SEA" Arr. Dec. 20 Sails Dec. 21	
"PIONEER TIDE" Dec. 25 Sails Dec. 26	
"PIONEER COVE" Jan. 9 Sails Jan. 12	
"PIONEER MAIL" Jan. 28 Sails Jan. 30	
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New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 16.
Oil stocks gripped the way for a late rally in the stock market today. Last hour demand lifted many issues from the minus to the plus side and the net result was a small margin of gains over losses. Oils surged far ahead of the balance of the market, with gains ranging as high as 7 points.

Dealers linked the interest in oil to reports of a sharp decline in visible supply of heating oils. Transfers were 2,070,000 shares.

Among the gainers were Superior Oil of Calif., Amerind Petroleum, Skelly Oil, Richfield Oil, Seaboard Oil, Plymouth Oil, Paramount Pictures, Warner Brothers, Loews, Twentieth Century-Fox, Fidelity Retail Drug, and Curtiss Wright.

Only one issue among the 13 most active stocks finished lower. Berghart Consolidated Mining, down 1/4 at 1-3/4.

Stimulus on the general list included Santa Fe, Phelps Dodge, Dow Jones averages: Stocks 91.20, Industrials 108.05, 15 Bonds 51.35, 10 Utilities 40.70.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22
Alaska Juneau 31
American Can 102
Smelting 55 1/2
Telephone 146 1/2
Tobacco 74 1/2
Waterworks 75 1/2
Anaconda Copper 28 1/2
Aviation Corp 6 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2
Barnsdall 34 1/2
Bendix Aviation 37 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 32 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 23 1/2
Borden Co. 48 1/2
Canadian Pacific 14 1/2
J. I. Case 40 1/2
Chrysler 54 1/2
Columbia 41 1/2
Commercial Solvents 19 1/2
Coca-Cola 44 1/2
Cotton Products 68 1/2
Du Pont 60 1/2
Eastman Kodak 47 1/2
General Electric 41 1/2
Motors 70
Goodrich 60 1/2
Goodyear 49 1/2
Homesite Mining 44 1/2
International Harvester 28 1/2
Paper 68 1/2
Tel & Tel 94
Johns Manville 47 1/2
Kennecott Copper 51 1/2
Montgomery Ward 54 1/2
National Distillers 22 1/2
Lead 37
New York Central 10 1/2
Packard Motors 3 1/2
Pan American Airways 8 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 15 1/2
Radio Corp. 12 1/2
Republic Steel 23 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 38
Schenley 31
Sears Roebuck 43 1/2
Shell Oil 37 1/2
Socomec Vacuum 17
Southern Pacific 49 1/2
Standard Brands 21 1/2
OH of Calif. 60 1/2
OH of N. Y. 70
Studebaker 24 1/2
Union Bag 27 1/2
US Rubber 37 1/2
Steel 26 1/2
Lines 15 1/2
Westinghouse 31 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 77 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 1/2
Rail bonds improved. Among curb gainers were Cities Service, Humble Oil, Lone Star Gas and Bunker Hill Mining—Associated Press.

Money Market

Continuing the up-grade US dollar yesterday's "treasury" HX55, 180% after opening at \$0.55. At the close the rate was \$0.60.

TT touched HX55.71 at the peak but eased off to \$0.57 at the close. The opening rate was \$0.55.

Sterling went up to HX55.50 after opening at \$0.52.

Australian pounds were stationary at HX55.50.

Plastics were again nominal at HX55.30 at 100.

Tenets were unchanged at HX55.27 at 100.

NEI Builders opened at HX55.22 at 100 and closed at \$22.00.

Marsman Company Annual Meeting

Working results of Marsman (Hong Kong) China, Limited for the year ending April 30, 1942, were an improvement on the previous year, and represented a creditable advance in the Company's post-war recovery.

This statement was made by Mr. T. B. Wilson who presided at the annual meeting of the Company at their offices in Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building yesterday.

Presenting the report and accounts of the Company to shareholders, Mr. Wilson said: "The net profit amounted to £8,022 or HK\$155,000—which is quite an improvement as compared with £2,420 or HK\$30,000 for the previous year."

"This result was again adversely affected by our quarrying operations at Morrison Hill which we are working under contract with the PWD and on account of unusually difficult conditions as well as PWD contract rates which were set too low, our deliveries of stone to them have been done at a loss. In recent months by increased production, although sales at market prices to the public in addition to the PWD deliveries, we have reduced the deficit in this department."

"We are in negotiation with the PWD and trust that an increase of rates will be granted. "Our construction contract have proved to be most important, this department showing a net profit of HK\$118,000 for the fiscal year. Three of the largest projects were started in mid-1942 with the most recent in March 1942 and will be brought to completion during the first quarter in 1950."

"We had hoped in the meantime to obtain additional work but were not successful on the bid recently made for the Kai Tak restructuring, the contract having been placed with a company registered outside the Colony. In general it also appears that several sizable construction projects may not now be undertaken as quickly as originally indicated."

"However, an early adjustment of political conditions in China may result in renewed interest by the principals."

Hopes for Future
"Early this year the volume of work being carried on required the employment of additional operating staff, and Colonel J. D. Ross was brought in as Manager of the Construction Department. Mr. Stapler also came to the Company as Managing Director, and at that time we had plans for expansion of both our trading and engineering activities into South China, where we had done extensive preliminary investigation before the war. Recent events in China will prevent this and in view of present conditions and its work in hand is completed, reductions in engineering staff have already been made, and will be continued as found necessary, pending such time as new contracts are obtained."

"On the trading side although a loss resulted for the fiscal year ending April 30, we have hope that a more profitable outcome will result when conditions in China improve and more actively develops for the industrial engineering and equipment lines in which we are interested."

"There was little if any change in the written down values as carried on the balance sheet. Recently there has been an increase in the market value of the 1,370,000 shares we hold in Philippine Mining Company managed by Marsman."

"As at April 30 we had invested—

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
S.S. "TAIPING"
arrived Dec. 13, 1942

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon, Wharf at 10 a.m. on the 10th and 20th December 1942 and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents,
China Navigation Co., Ltd.,
Australia-Oriental Line Ltd.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Business this week has again been on a small scale with prices fluctuating up and down but within a very narrow compass. The transactions have been of a selective nature and, in the main, confined to the hardy perennial. There has set in a good demand for Asia Navigation, Shanghai Dockyards and Yungtze Finances, all of which show considerable appreciation.

The Directors of Hong Kong Telephone have announced a dividend for 1942 of \$1.20 less tax.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
1st Loan 10 1/2%
2nd Loan 10 1/2% & 1940 10 1/2%
3rd Loan 10 1/2% 10 1/2%

BANKS
H. K. & N. Bank 10 1/2%
Chartered Bank 10 1/2%
Mitsubishi Bank 10 1/2%
Bank of East Asia 10 1/2%

INSURANCE
Canton Ins. 20%
Union Ins. 20%
China Insurance 20%
H.K. Fire Ins. 20%

SHIPPING
Dunlop 20%
H. K. & N. Bank 10 1/2%
India China (Ref.) 10 1/2%
(Def.) 20%
Shells (Ref.) 10 1/2%
Union Waterboat 20%
Asia Nav. 10 1/2%
Wheeler 20%
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc.
H. K. & N. Wharves 10 1/2%
North China Wharves 10 1/2%
H. K. Docks 10 1/2%
China Dockyards 10 1/2%
Shanghai Dockyards 10 1/2%
Wheeler 20%
Mining
H. K. Mines 10 1/2%
M. K. Mines 10 1/2%

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. & N. Hotel 12 1/2%
H. K. Lands 10 1/2%
Shanghai Lands 10 1/2%
H. K. Buildings 10 1/2%
Chinese Estates 10 1/2%

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways 10 1/2%
Peak Tram (Ref.) 10 1/2%
New 9 1/2%
Star Ferry 10 1/2%
C. Light (Ref.) 10 1/2%
H. K. Electric 10 1/2%
M. K. Electric 10 1/2%
H. K. & N. Electric 10 1/2%
Shanghai Gas 10 1/2%

INDUSTRIALS
Cald Mac 10 1/2%
Canton Ins. 20%
Comments 20%
H. K. Paper 10 1/2%

STORES, Etc.
Dunlop 20%
Waters 10 1/2%
L. Crawford 10 1/2%
Shinwa 10 1/2%
China Insurance 10 1/2%
Ban Co. Ltd. 10 1/2%
Kwai Sang Bank 10 1/2%
Wing On (H.K.) 10 1/2%
Wm. Powell Ltd. 10 1/2%

MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainment 10 1/2%
H. K. Construction (Ref.) 10 1/2%
(New) 10 1/2%
Vibro (Ref.) 10 1/2%
Maramba Investments 10 1/2%
Maramba (H.K.) 10 1/2%
Shanghai Loan 10 1/2%
Yungtze 10 1/2%

COTTONS
Kwai 10 1/2%
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
M.S. "DANSEBOG"

Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that cargo, unless delivered alongside, will be landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godown of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. where delivery may be effected.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on December 16, 1942, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after December 21, 1942, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before December 28, 1942, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents,
Hong Kong, Dec. 15, 1942.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter within fourteen days of the ship's arrival or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

THE HONG KONG EASTERN SHIPPING CO., LTD.
Agents,
Telephone 32309.
Hong Kong, Dec. 14, 1942.

AMERICAN RESIDENT LINES

TO HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO via JAPAN

"President Wilson" In Port Sails Dec. 19
"General Gordon" Arr. Dec. 23 Sails Dec. 24
"President Cleveland" Arr. Jan. 13 Sails Jan. 14

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

"President Madison" Arr. Dec. 30 Sails Dec. 31
"President Eldred" Arr. Jan. 9 Sails Jan. 10

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Fillmore" Arr. Dec. 28 Sails Dec. 29
"President Tyler" Arr. Dec. 20 Sails Dec. 22

ROUND THE WORLD

VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, KAIRACHI, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, GENOA, NEW YORK and BOSTON

"President Buchanan" Arr. Dec. 10 Sails Dec. 20
"President Harding" Arr. Dec. 20 Sails Dec. 28

TO JAYA & STRAITS

"President Tyler" Arr. Dec. 20 Sails Dec. 22

Opposite Star Ferry Tel. 28172/5.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS FROM
"ANDRE LEBON" ... 2nd Jan.
"EPINAL" ... 25th Jan.

SAILINGS TO
PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE
"ANDRE LEBON" ... 2nd Jan.
"CHAMPOLLION" ... 18th Feb.
"LA MARSHALLAISE" ... 25th Feb.

FREIGHT SERVICE
"DRENT" ... 24th Dec.
"MORTAIN" ... 20th Jan.
"CIT DORISE" ... 15th Feb.

FOR ADEN, PORT SAID, TUNIS, MARSEILLES, ALGIERES
TANGIER, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, DUNKIRK,
ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM

"ORION" ... 19th Dec.
For Passage and Freight Apply to:

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
Queen's Building Tel. 20651 (three lines)

WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION

MOBILE, ALA., U.S.A.
WATERMAN LINE EXPRESS FREIGHT SERVICE

FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST
via JAPAN

S.S. "HURRICANE" ... Due about 21st Dec. 1949.
S.S. "ALAWAI" ... Due about 10th Jan. 1950.

Direct for New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia
via Japan, Honolulu

For freight and further particulars apply —
WALLEM & COMPANY

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Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Bldg. Tels. 34177-9.

IVARAN LINES

FAR EAST SERVICE
LOADING FOR ATLANTIC COAST

M.V. "REINHOLD" ... Due about 20th Jan. 1950.

For freight and further particulars apply —
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AGENTS.
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Bldg. Tels. 34177-9.

THE PACIFIC ORIENT EXPRESS LINE

Loading for
LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO & VANCOUVER, B.C.
via Japan

From U.S. Pacific Coast
M.V. "KOOKABURRA" ... Due about 5th Jan. 1950.
M.V. "VINGNES" ... 20th Jan. 1950.

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FAST FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO
NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, BOSTON & BALTIMORE, VIA
SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND PANAMA

NEXT SAILINGS
M.S. "TREIN MAERSK" ... Dec. 29
M.S. "PETER MAERSK" ... Jan. 12
M.S. "LEXA MAERSK" ... Jan. 26

TANKS OF ALL SIZES AVAILABLE FOR BULK OIL

ARRIVALS FROM U.S.A.
M.S. "MARCHEN MAERSK" ... Dec. 20
M.S. "SALLY MAERSK" ... Jan. 5
M.S. "ARNOLD MAERSK" ... Jan. 18

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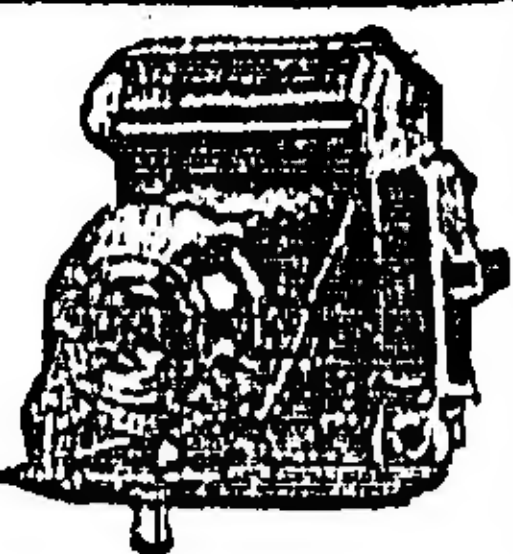
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Autumn Champions Main Attraction On Race Programme Of Eight Events

(By "RAPIER")

The Twelfth Race Meeting, to be held this afternoon at the Valley, will ring down the curtain on the 1949 racing season, held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

With the completion of today's meeting, it will mean the end of another year of most enjoyable racing and I anticipate that the keen interest which has been so manifest among racegoers during the past few meetings will again be in full evidence this afternoon, when a good attendance should turn out to witness what will probably be the best racing of the year.

The Hong Kong Autumn Champions will form the main attraction on a programme of eight events and keen racing should result.

At the Twelfth Race Meeting, the main attraction will be the Autumn Champions Handicap (First Section) over 1 1/2 miles, which will be contested by the winners of the 1949 season.

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Army-Commando Clash Today's Rugger Tit-Bit

(By "J. T. STUD")

Today's matches mark the half-way line in the rugger tournament and providing the RAF don't cause an upset, the Club should face the coming year with a clear lead over the highly fancied Army XV.

The Commando-Army game appears to be today's tit-bit and the fact that these teams have not as yet met since the season commenced adds further interest to the struggle.

On paper the Army are undoubtedly the best fifteen in the Colony, but they can be beaten and if the Commandos blend a little more rugger knowledge into their robust style of play, the Army might be in for another shock.

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League Soccer Programme For This Week-End

(By "ROYER")

League soccer comes into its own again this week-end with a full programme over matches in both Divisions of the League.

Of the four games on the programme this afternoon, the best should be that at Happy Valley, where St. Joseph's entertain the Club.

After a somewhat indifferent start, the Club have gradually improved with each passing week and there is every indication that they will be a force to be reckoned with before the end of the season.

The Saints were not at all impressive in their last appearance when they went down to Kowloon Motor Bus at Boundary Street. They will have to play a better type of football if they hope to beat the Club this afternoon.

South China will be visiting Boundary Street today for their game against Chinese Athletic and should win, provided they can reproduce the same form as that displayed by them in their last match against Kit Chee.

There is, however, one factor which might upset the South China players and that is the somewhat robust methods of certain Athletic defenders.

Eastern will be at home to the Commandos at Caroline Hill and should emerge winners from this encounter.

The Underdogs

The RAF will be the underdogs in their match against Army at Soekunpoo this afternoon. The soldiers are serving up a delightful refreshing type of football at the moment and should reap a host in goals, notwithstanding the brilliance of Richardson, the RAF custodian.

A line game should be seen at Boundary Street tomorrow afternoon between Kowloon Motor Bus and Royal Navy.

Although one must, on the strength of recent performances, pick the busmen to win this game, the fine fighting qualities of the lads from the Navy always make their appearance on the field most interesting.

The soldiers have a reputation for being the "dark horses" of the First Division and have proved, on more than one occasion, that they are capable of upsetting the most formidable of opponents.

The only other First Division game on the programme tomorrow will be played at the Club ground at Happy Valley between Kit Chee and Kwong Wah.

This game should end in an easy victory for Kit Chee unless they make the mistake of underestimating their opponents and field a scratch team.

Flimsy Excuse

The excuse put forward by certain Chinese players to explain away their absence at the Inter-Club Dinner, given by the Hong Kong Football Association to the Hamburg Swedish football team was brought up during the week by a correspondent signing himself "A Chinese Football Fan".

As the correspondent so rightly pointed out, the excuse was most flimsy and was tantamount to adding insult to injury.

It is really difficult to understand how the HKFA came to accept the excuse without comment and to treat the incident as closed.

If the players in question could not obtain the necessary leave to attend a dinner which did not last two hours, it might perhaps be pertinent to ask how these players have managed to obtain leave to take part in games in Macao, which have necessitated their absence from work for a minimum of three days.

It would appear that the HKFA is chary of taking any action against "star" players for fear they might refuse to take part in important games.

It was at one time thought that the HKFA, with the introduction of new blood, would assert itself and deal drastically with certain players who think that they and not the HKFA run football in this Colony.

The soldiers were put off by a bit of good-natured teasing, which is part and parcel of this American pastime.

This tilt is likely to produce "rhubarbs" and the tussle will be handled by Umpire-in-chief Mr. Robbins, Horrie Quen and Bill Woo.

The Pakistan International Team will hold a practice session at the CBA Ground on Sunday at 10.0 p.m.

Jindoo Hussain has been elected Manager with Uly Boy Baker as field captain. Benny Omar, popular third-stacker of the Saints and last year's MVP, will act in the capacity of vice-captain.

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"Rapier's" Selections For Today

Race No. 1 Final Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

Race No. 2 Last Chance Handicap (First Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.

Race No. 3 Laggards Handicap (Second Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

Race No. 4 Last Chance Handicap (Second Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.

Race No. 5 Hong Kong Autumn Champions Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

Race No. 6 Laggards Handicap (Second Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

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Race No. 37 Laggards Handicap (Thirty-third Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

Senior Softball League Enters Crucial Mid-Season Stage

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Senior League enters a crucial mid-season stage tomorrow as several top teams take on powerful adversaries and a defeat may spell elimination from the final play-offs.

In the Ladies' Leagues, Wildcats cross bats with Wahoes in another of their classic games, while St. Teresa's tangle with Clovers this afternoon.

Owing to player injuries the Madcaps, have advised the Management Committee that they would be unable to field a full team and have asked for a postponement which has been granted.

The undefeated Rexes will be all out to preserve their untarnished Junior circuit record when they meet the enthusiastic Jaguar Cubs.

The St. Teresa's Canadian seniors tussle will be particularly important for the Carters, who are just on the side-out borderline with three losses against them—one more setback and last year's champions will be out of the race.

St. Teresa's were dumped twice when they made the losing end of a controversial game against the Braves when they were out of the race.

The position is that the Braves are only one game down compared with the Jags' three, and the latter will therefore be playing with their backs to the wall.

Both teams have ardent supporters and a large gathering is expected to witness the showdown.

The Drawing Cord

The drawing card for the afternoon will be the Wildcats-Wahoes tussle slated for 2.00 p.m. tomorrow.

The Cats dropped their first round game to the Green Owls by a wide margin, but since then have settled down to staidier playing.

The opposing hurlers in the pitching duel will be Lefty Dolly Brown for the Felices and Terry Noronha for the Owls.

The unnamed Felices have experienced with their infield and Robbin, Horrie Quen and Bill Woo.

The Pakistan International Team will hold a practice session at the CBA Ground on Sunday at 10.0 p.m.

INTER-SERVICE RIFLE MEETING

The Inter-Service Rifle Meeting, which is the biggest meeting of the year starts at Stonecutters at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 19.

The Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Hong Kong Police are competing and much enthusiasm has been shown. There are Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun events.

The G.O.C. in C. is presenting prizes on Friday, December 23, at about 4.15 p.m.

"Over 45's" And "Under 45's" Golf Match Tomorrow

The following are the start times and contestants:

OVER 45's v UNDER 45's

Old Course

9.10 A.E. Lissman v K.S. Kinghorn

9.20 J. Wai v R.T. McNeill

9.30 R.K. Gulliver v W.D. Davies

9.40 F.D. Hunter v W.D. Davies

9.50 R.W. Gulliver v R.N. Gulliver

10.00 W.G. Robertson v C.J. Kelso

10.10 H.R. Macdonald v J.J. Birtwhistle

10.20 J.H. Mackie v J.J. Gifford

10.30 H.R. Gulliver v R.N. Gulliver

10.40 C.J.T. Brown v H.W.F. Heath

10.50 R.E. Roiser v N.J. Whiplon

11.00 J. Linaker v J.O. Pate-Hunt

11.10 K.H. Howard v A.L.G. Eastman

11.20 J.D. Caldwell v A.R. de Pinna

New Course

9.10 P.A. Larche v G.M. Sainsbury

9.20 J. Wai v R.T. McNeill

9.30 A.H. McBride v K.F. Noble

9.40 J.A.R. Selby v W. Stoker

9.50 M.P. de Pinna v R. Pan

10.00 D.L. Prother v K.A. Miller

10.10 T.D. Drysdale v R.E. Bailey

10.20 P.A. Redmond v W.H. Paterson

10.30 H.R. Davies v D. Hume

10.40 T.P.R. Waters v G. Strickland

10.50 K.H. Howard v A.L.G. Eastman

11.00 M. Pollock v J.L. MacIntyre

11.10 W.H.S. Davies v W.A. Nicholas

Fouramers-Old Course

1.10 Robertson-M.P. de Pinna v K.F. Pan

1.20 Lissman-Larche v Kinghorn

1.30 Gulliver-McNeill v Gulliver

1.40 Robertson-McNeill v W.D. Dav

1.50 Sheehan-Selby v Gordon-Stoker

2.00 Macdonald-Broadie v Birtwhistle-Cap

2.10 J.H. Mackie-Drysdale v O'Fla

2.20 Gulliver-Redmond v Snow-Pater

2.30 Macdonald-Fullcock v Birtwhistle-M

2.40 Calvert-W.H.S. Davies v A.R. Pina-Nicholas

STARTING TIMES

The starting times on the C Course today and tomorrow are as follows:

TODAY

2.00 Hong Fouramers-Dodwell v P. Office

2.10 A.R. de Pinna v C.J. Kelso

TOMORROW

10.00 L.R. Millincham v R.J. Tipp

10.10 L.M. Mandy v R.R. Bryant

NORWICH CITY WIL

London, December 16.

Norwich City beat Hartlepool by five goals to one in a 2-2 Cup, Second round, replay today. Norwich now meet Portsmouth at Portsmouth in the third round. Reuter.

League Standings

FIRST DIVISION

Kit Chee 13 0 0 0 4 1

Army 12 0 2 0 18 10

K.M.H. 10 0 2 0 26 10

St. Joseph's 10 0 2 0 23 10

Eastern 10 0 1 0 23 10

S. China 10 0 1 0 20 33

Navy 10 0 1 0 18 20

Commandos 10 0 1 0 18 20

Police 10 0 1 0 17 19

Club 10 0 1 0 17 27

OAA 10 0 1 0 14 10

RAF 10 0 1 0 18 22

Kwong Wah 10 0 1 0 8 24

SECOND DIVISION

New Vendors 13 1 0 0 39 11

Kit Chee 12 1 1 0 26 20

RAF 10 0 2 0 23 10

R. China 10 0 2 0 23 10

Army 10 0 1 0 23 10

POA 10 0 1 0 23 10

Eastern 10 0 1 0 23 10

Navy 10 0 1 0 23 10

Kit Chee 10 0 1 0 23 10

Yard Police 10 0 1 0 23 10

Duckworth 10 0 1 0 23 10

University 10 0 1 0 23 10

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